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Voters to cast ballots during Nov. 4 General Election

While the frequency of television ads and mudslinging increases in the race for the U.S. President's seat, voters still have a couple of days to study up on their choices for federal, state and local positions and proposals.

Voters in Crawford County will go to the polls for the Nov. 4 General Election to decide races from the White House down to their local township offices. A pair of state proposals and a county proposal to fund the repair and maintenance of county roads are also on the ballot. The polls will be open at the Grayling City Hall and the town-

ship offices from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

There are no contested races for Crawford County in the general election, since most incumbent county officials ran unopposed for the 2008 political season and Everette "Trey" Ayers was elected to serve as the county's next prosecutor in the August primary election.

All six townships in the county, however, have contested races. Write-in campaigns are being waged in two townships.

The Crawford County Avalanche has provided a preview of the ballot and a synopsis of the local contested races on Page 8A.

Girl Scouts go on Halloween hayride



Photo by Dan Sanderson

The Daisy Girl Scouts of Crawford County toured Wellington Farm USA last week on a tractor drawn hayride. The youngsters sang songs while on the hayride and did a Halloween craft in the farm park's pavilion. Above, Destiny Ockerman and Makenzie Helsel share a warm embrace as they brave chilly temperatures while riding on the hay wagon.

City recognized for keeping AuSable River pristine

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

The City of Grayling and local conservationists have garnered national recognition for their project to treat stormwater before it flows into the AuSable River.

The City of Grayling received the 2008 award for exemplary environmental efforts from the National Rural Water Association. Grayling City Manager David Thayer accepted the award, on behalf of the city, at the National Rural Water Association's annual conference in Reno, Nev., on Oct. 8.

The city received the award for its stormwater treatment program, which included improving a stormwater retention pond located behind Mercy Hospital Grayling. The project also included installing seven vortex units, which filter out cigarette butts, trash, oil and sand when it flows off of city streets during heavy rains and snow melts. The project also included creating 86 rain gardens, which allow stormwater to naturally flow back into the aquifer and to be used by the plants in the raingardens, on the south side of the community.

Funding for the three-phase project came from a \$758,000

grant through the State's Clean Michigan Initiative program, administered by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Additional funding has been provided by the City of Grayling, the Trout Bum's Barbecue, the Paul Young Chapter of Trout Unlimited, the Michigan Fly Fishing Club and a host of other conservation organizations and community groups and businesses.

In March, the City of Grayling and Huron Pines, which administered the stormwater project, received the Michigan Rural Water Association's environmental achievement award for the program. The city is among 528 municipal members in the Michigan Rural Water Association.

As part of award process, the City of Grayling was nominated for the national award. The National Rural Water Association has 25,735 members.

The city's stormwater project was judged against projects from communities across the nation.

Tim Neumann, executive director of the Michigan Rural Water Association, said the city's

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Photo by Dan Sanderson

The City of Grayling received the 2008 award for exemplary environmental efforts, from the National Rural Water Association, for their project to treat stormwater before it flows into the AuSable River. Above, Grayling City Manager David Thayer accepted the award, on behalf of the city, at the National Rural Water Association's annual conference in Reno, Nev., on Oct. 8.

Grayling gearing up for the holidays

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Love it or hate it, businesses and organizations have a penchant for promoting the holiday season well in advance. With Christmas still nearly two months away, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Grayling Uptown District Association (GUDA) are already working hard to bring the holiday spirit to Grayling.

"It has just grown and grown and grown over the years," said Jamie Greer, operator of J. Dap Co.

Greer is one of the many local business owners who help put on the annual "Christmas Walk,"

which will be taking place on Nov. 15 this year.

"Anytime you have an activity that involves the entire community, it's a good thing," said Greer.

The Christmas Walk is a Grayling tradition that has lasted over 20 years. It will take place in uptown Grayling from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

This year's theme is "Back Home to the Heart of Christmas." The event begins with a holiday parade.

"We're hoping the parade will be bigger and better," said Greer.

Uptown businesses will offer.

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Changes coming for the Avalanche

The Crawford County Avalanche will have a new look starting with the newspaper that will be published on Thursday, Nov. 6.

The Avalanche will be printed on a narrower, 23-inch page beginning with the next edition of the newspaper. Several other local, state and national newspapers have

already been using this same format.

With the change, the Avalanche staff has taken the time to redesign the paper, which will have a new look starting next week.

In addition, the newsstand price for the Avalanche will increase from 50 cents to 75 cents.

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Plans proposed for Huron-Manistee Forest

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Huron-Manistee National Forest officials are taking input on management plans to create a habitat for the endangered Kirtland's warblers and to reduce wildfire potential on federal forest land.

Officials for the Mio Ranger District of the Huron-Manistee National Forest are planning the Big Chase Kirtland's Warblers and Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project, which will take place over the next couple of years.

The main focus of the project is to clear cut 1,277 acres of forest land. Of that amount, 813 acres would be replanted with jack pine trees to create a Kirtland's warblers breeding habitat.

Kirtland's warblers, which are on the federal endangered species list, nest in jack pines that are five to 15 years old.

The habitat will be created in the Pere Cheney Management Area for the Kirtland's warbler, located off of M-18 and F-97. A second area will be established near Wakeley Lake, south of M-72 East, which is in the Eldorado Management Area.

Currently, there are 1,792 pairs of breeding Kirtland's warblers in the Huron-Manistee National Forest, up from just 200 pairs 25 years ago, said Phil Huber, wildlife biologist for the Huron-Manistee National Forest Mio District.

Huber said that there is discussion underway of downlisting the Kirtland's warbler to place them on the threatened species list, but officials will still have to manage their habitat to ensure their survival.

"Because we put out the forest fires, we have to create the habitat another way and we have to rotate these management areas to provide a con-

sistent foraging ground and breeding ground for the birds," Huber said.

A total of 388 acres in three areas would be harvested to create open barrens. Another 65 acres in one area would be forested to create a fire break opening to prevent the spread of a wildfire from going onto neighboring properties. Finally, an 11 acre stand would be used to generate aspens. Barrens would be maintained on the other 448 acres of the forest.

"These open areas are a great habitat for wildlife and also help to protect a lot of homes and properties out there from wildfires," Huber said.

A site on the South Branch of the AuSable River, that runs through the Huron-Manistee National Forest, would be addressed for an erosion problem.

The parking area at Wakeley Lake would be enlarged and

fencing would be installed. The trail leading to the lake would be improved and a fishing dock would be installed to allow easier access to the lake. A log cabin would be built next to the rest rooms that are at the park for use as a warming house for cross country skiers.

Finally, the Meridian ORV Trailhead would be enlarged to provide more parking and easier access.

"We want to provide a little order and maybe add a little more capacity," Huber said.

The clear cutting is scheduled to take place in 2010 and 2011.

Input from citizens will be taken into account for final management plans for the forest.

"We are looking at people's concerns and we will develop new alternatives based on their issues and concerns," Huber said.

Foxes denning in residential areas

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

Are wild animals moving out of the woods and into populated areas? Grayling residents have recently been noticing a highly visible fox population in the Sherwood Forest subdivision.

Nonetheless, local DNR officials insist that this does not necessarily signify a significant change in animal habitation patterns in Crawford County.

"Anything that's surrounded by wild land is going to have issues like these," said George

Kerschenheiter, a local DNR wildlife technician.

He said that, as animal populations naturally fluctuate, Grayling residents will occasionally see foxes and other wild animals living near residential zones.

He added that the local DNR wildlife office hasn't received a significant number of calls from Crawford County regarding foxes in "a couple of years." This was when there was some concern about a growing fox population near Lake Margrethe.

He said that if foxes are appearing in residential areas more frequently at the moment, it is probably because the coyote population in Crawford County is high right now.

"Foxes are going to use places where there's less apt to be coyotes," said Kerschenheiter.

He said that a recent decline in hunting and trapping of coyotes has helped these animals prosper in Crawford County. A booming cottontail rabbit population has

also given coyotes the food they need to prosper.

He added that if these animals are indeed driving foxes into residential areas, it shouldn't be a cause for concern.

"I don't think it's anything to be afraid about," said Kerschenheiter.

He said that most foxes weigh less than 10 pounds.

"Everybody thinks these animals are bigger than they are," said Kerschenheiter.

He said they pose a minimal risk to pets, although attacks are not completely unheard of.

"They might take a pretty small dog, but it's pretty unusual," said Kerschenheiter.

He said the best way to avoid attracting wild animals is to properly secure garbage and to avoid leaving pet food out at night.

He also noted that, despite the increase of coyotes in the wild, there is no indication that these animals are encroaching on residential areas.

"We haven't had any major calls about coyotes," said Kerschenheiter.

While these animals are fully capable of killing small dogs, it is unusual for them to target pets. They are more likely to look for dog food than to use dogs for food.

Kerschenheiter denied the possibility that recent logging activity in Crawford County is driving wild animals into residential areas.

"Cutting is good for these species," said Kerschenheiter.

Small rodents, which serve as food for both foxes and coyotes, thrive in fielded areas. The young aspen trees that appear in new forests are a particularly good habitat for grouse, which are a common food source for these animals.

Crawford County residents who are concerned about unusual animal activity in their area should call the local DNR wildlife office at 989-826-3211.

Andy Neumann

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Christian help center accepting coats

by Matt Seager
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Community (CCC) Christian Help Center is making an effort to ensure that those who come in from the cold will be a little bit warmer when they go back outside. They are now providing coats for the winter season.

"The need has grown. If there wasn't a need, we wouldn't be here," said Interim Director Marianne Gosnell.

The CCC Christian Help Center is located at 300 Huron Street. Its primary function is to offer food and support to the needy and the homeless.

For the past several years, the organization has sponsored a coat drive in the winter.

"We look for coat donations ... we do not purchase coats," said Gosnell.

Although the help center functions primarily as a food pantry, the yearly coat drive is one of the many extra programs they provide in support of the homeless.

"We have a lot of things going on," said Gosnell.

She said that there is currently a great need for the CCC Christian Help Center's services.

"We are getting an increase of people here," said Gosnell. "We've got a lot of first time people coming in."

She said that in a community like Grayling, it is sometimes easy for the homeless population to go unnoticed.

"We do have homeless here, and I call them the 'hidden homeless,'" said Gosnell.

Many local homeless camp in tents throughout most of the year but find themselves without adequate food and shelter during the

winter.

This is why volunteers believe that the coat drive is especially important in a place like Grayling. They coordinate their efforts with both the Crawford County Department of Human Services and the St. Francis Thrift Shop.

The organization is always on the lookout for whatever support it can get.

"We depend on food donations, we depend on cash donations," said Gosnell.

There is also a demand for volunteers.

"If it weren't for the volunteers we have here, I wouldn't be able to do this," said Gosnell.

She added that the community has not failed to offer the CCC Christian Help Center the support it needs.

"This community, for being a small community ... they are very giving. It is very tremendous," said Gosnell.

To contact the CCC Christian Help Center, call 989-348-6046.



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Richard (Dick) Milliman was inducted into the Central Michigan University Journalism Hall of Fame on Saturday for his contributions in the field of journalism. Milliman is pictured above with his family at the ceremony. Back row, from left: granddaughter Leslie Fitzwater, daughters Ann Marie Milliman and Teresa Fitzwater, grandsons Josh Fitzwater and Logan Milliman, and son Dirk Milliman; front row, wife Donna Milliman and Richard Milliman.

Milliman inducted into CMU Journalism Hall of Fame

Richard (Dick) Milliman was one of six members inducted into the Central Michigan University Journalism Hall of Fame Saturday.

Milliman, Michigan State University alumni, was inducted as an honorary member for his lifetime work in community newspapers throughout Michigan. He was also honored for his contributions in creating the Michigan Press Association Foundation, a nonprofit organization that raises money for scholarships for students studying community journalism. Milliman was also an adjunct professor of journalism at CMU for two years.

Milliman is the former owner of the Crawford County Avalanche. He purchased the Avalanche in 1967, and also owned and operated 29 other Michigan daily and weekly newspapers in his career.

"I would not be up here without the efforts of so many people

that have helped me throughout my career," Milliman said in his acceptance speech.

"One of my goals has always been to get young people interested in our business and to help them achieve success in that pursuit," Milliman said. "They are our hope for the future of newspapers and journalism, no matter what form that community journalism may take in the future."

Milliman began his career while in high school at his hometown newspaper, the Coldwater Daily Reporter, where he wrote stories and sold ads. Following his military service in World War II, Milliman graduated from M.S.U. He worked in Holland and Lansing before leaving the newspaper business to help candidate, and then Michigan Governor, George Romney, serving as press secretary in the Romney administration.

He reentered the newspaper business in 1966, working to acquire and operate newspapers

in Michigan for PANAX Corp.

In 1967, he bought the Avalanche, his first newspaper purchase. He continued to purchase and operate newspapers in the state until his retirement in 2000.

As a past president of the Michigan Press Association, Milliman felt the need to help students looking to enter the newspaper business and study community journalism. With the help of four other MPA past presidents, the MPA Foundation was created in 1990. Milliman served as president of the Foundation until 2007, raising scholarship money for students at Michigan colleges and universities. In all, the Foundation has awarded more than \$200,000 in scholarships since its inception.

Milliman was inducted into the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame in 1994, and is also in the State News Hall of Fame at M.S.U.

More than 160 people attended

the CMU Journalism Hall of Fame induction ceremony Saturday night. Also inducted were Associated Press photographer Mike Green, PR executive Sheila Gruber McLean, Arizona Republic Editor Randy Lovely, Tampa Tribune religion writer Michelle Beardon and Associated Press executive Jim Reindl.

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Road Commissions receive funding from the State of Michigan through state-collected road funds. Other Michigan County Road Commissions have the additional benefit of either County wide millages or local millages via the Township level to maintain and improve their roadways. The Crawford County Road Commission has never received funding from property taxes for Primary Road improvements.

Some Road Commissions also receive funding from Townships to provide maintenance on the local road system. Crawford County Road Commission receives none. For example, some Road Commissions charge Townships for providing Dust Control on the local road system, Crawford County Road Commission has always absorbed the complete cost of this service.

The Crawford County Road Commission is at the point that additional revenues must be generated, either through legislation at the State and Federal level or at the Local level. Since the legislature is unwilling to take on this task, the Road Commission is proposing a Five (5) year, Local millage that will be earmarked for Primary Road improvements.

The one (1) mil millage will generate approximately \$540,000.00 per year to be used for Primary Road projects. This funding in combination with the State and Federal funds already received would generate approximately \$800,000.00 per year. This would equate to approximately 5 miles of Primary Road improvement per year.

If the Road Millage is unsuccessful, the Road Commission will be forced to make cuts in expenditures, so that Primary Roads will be improved.

These cuts will affect all County Residents. Such cuts may include the elimination of overtime for winter maintenance. (No overtime work after regular work hours or weekends on primary and local roads), reduction in blading gravel roadways during summer operations, reduction or elimination of dust control of local roadways and elimination of Local Road allocations to Townships. (Any local road improvement projects would have to be funded 100% by sources other than that of the Crawford County Road Commission).

The Road Commission needs your help to improve the Primary Road System. The funds generated by the millage will be used strictly for road improvements. Thus eliminating the need to make cuts from the maintenance budget and free up funding for improvements. This millage is not for maintenance it is for construction, paving and improving a road system that will not get any better unless additional revenues are created.

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Frederic teen nabbed for shoplifting

A Frederic teen was arrested by Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies Friday in connection with a shoplifting incident at a local gas station.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said that deputies were on patrol in the Frederic area around 1:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 24, when they observed a suspicious situation at the B & B Gas Station.

When deputies went to the business to investigate, two men were seen running out the back door. Deputies were able to make contact with both men. A 17-year-old Frederic man was arrested for retail fraud, minor in possession and possession of marijuana. He stole a bottle of liquor, a leather bracelet and some candy from the business, Wakefield said. All the items were recovered. The man's name is being withheld pending his arraignment in Crawford County District Court. Warrants are being sought for a 20-year-old Grayling man in connection with

the incident.

Several similar incidents have been reported at the B & B Gas Station, where alcohol and other items have been stolen.

Wakefield encourages busi-

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ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

It's a long, complicated ballot for voters

JOIN ME, if you will, for an unusual stroll through election-time potpourri:

IF MICHIGAN produces a near-record turnout in the presidential election on Nov. 4, it may take longer in the voting booth than most voters expect.

It's a long, complicated ballot, and I'm glad my absentee ballot let me study all these choices at my leisure.

The biggest deal, of course, is voting for president. Most voters probably can handle that obligation in rather quick fashion because they likely know before they enter the voting precinct whether they want John McCain or Barack Obama for president.

But lots more is at stake, too, and that doesn't even include governor, secretary of state, attorney general, or state senator this year. Under our state constitution, these offices are on the ballot only in non-presidential years.

To be elected now, however, are one United States senator, 15 representatives in Congress, 110 members of the Michigan house of representatives, and two members each to the state board of education, University of Michigan regents, Michigan State

University trustees and Wayne State University governors.

Then there are county races, including prosecutor, sheriff, county clerk, register of deeds, treasurer, drain commissioner and county commissioners.

In townships, supervisor, treasurer, clerk and several trustees will be chosen.

THERE IS a way to beat voter fatigue, however. That's voting a straight party ticket.

For example, on my ballot a single swipe could register my votes for 25 different national, state and local offices. But as far as I can recall, I have never voted a straight party ticket. I won't this year and probably never will. I've never found that either all Republicans or all Democrats are better suited for the offices they seek, so I regularly pick and choose the candidates I think will do better jobs.

After partisan choices, the job is still not done. Judges are to be elected too, on a separate non-partisan ballot. They include one justice of the state supreme court, plus judges on the state court of appeals, circuit court and district court.

To make things easier for voters

to fill these non-partisan judicial offices – and tougher for newcomers to get started in the judging business – all incumbent judges are identified on the ballot with the jobs they presently hold, but challengers are listed by name only. No party affiliation is noted.

That's according to our state constitution. It's also why sitting judges very seldom lose elections in Michigan. Once in judges' robes, it's usually a life time job.

And don't forget the ballot questions. One state constitutional amendment would legalize medicinal marijuana, the second would permit embryo stem cell research.

Local questions vary by area, but usually involve taxpayer money one way or another.

NOV. 4 should draw a record vote in Michigan following intensive drives here and across the country to register new voters.

According to Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, who is Michigan's chief elections officer, a whopping 98 percent of people in Michigan eligible to vote now are registered. That means almost 7.47 million voters could cast ballots.

The largest percentage turnout in Michigan was in the 1960

Kennedy-Nixon election when 72.7 percent voted. The largest actual voter turnout was 4.8 million in the 2004 Bush-Gore election; with a larger registration that was only 64.7 percent.

Many new registrants are college students. Counties with large state universities – such as Ingham, Isabella, Washtenaw, Kalamazoo and Wayne counties – show the largest percentage registration gains.

Registration drives by Obama backers were especially intense across the country, Republicans and McCain supporters also made registration a specialty, and both sides concentrated on new young voters, especially college and high school students.

Overall that's still probably a plus for the Obama ticket. A recent poll of potential young voters from 18 to 29 years old indicated 60 percent support Obama, 33 percent back McCain, and 5 percent are for Ralph Nader.

EDUCATED GUESSES – How will the election turn out in Michigan?

The way I see it, both sides in the presidential race expect Sen. Barack Obama to carry Michigan handily. When recent polls gave

Sen. Obama a double digit lead here, Sen. John McCain diverted Michigan workers and money to other states which his campaign decided were more winnable.

Although polls have been wrong before, this year they have been consistent in pegging Mr. Obama the Michigan winner, and I find no reason to question this conclusion.

His Michigan could be of tsunami proportions, and I would expect the Obama coattails to carry down the ticket, probably sweeping the educational posts where most voters have no guide except party affiliation to make their choices.

In many areas, the coattails likely will affect county and township races, although usually more than party identity is important in local offices. However, where local knowledge of candidates and offices is sketchy, then party affiliation also may control.

For the state house, Democrats likely will add several seats to their present slim majority, but in general state house campaigns are close enough to the people that local issues instead of national issues are likely to decide the outcomes.

Sen. Carl Levin is a shoo-in for

his sixth term in the US Senate.

Two years ago in Michigan congressional races, Democratic candidates received more votes than Republican candidates, but because of district configurations, nine Republicans and only six Democrats won. Two seats – those held by Rep. Tim Walberg in southern Michigan and Rep. Joe Knollenberg in Oakland County – are considered in play this year, with heavy campaigning, much of it from outside sources. If the Obama coattails are strong enough, they could sweep away both these incumbents.

The only statewide judicial race is for a supreme court seat held by Republican backed Chief Justice Clifford Taylor. Democrats nominated Wayne Circuit Judge Diane Hathaway. Partisan coattails have minimum effect on court elections because they are on a separate non-partisan ballot. The incumbency designation should be enough to return Justice Taylor for another eight years.

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Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman, and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We miss our Halloween friends

To the editor:

This letter is not for the person or persons who stole the two-foot high pumpkin people lawn ornaments from our fenced in yard on the corner of Ogemaw and Chestnut Street, on Sunday night, Oct. 19, or early Monday morning, Oct. 20. This person or those people know what they did. They took something they wanted that did not belong to them.

This letter is to make other families aware that if they want lawn ornaments for their own enjoyment and others, be warned that you can't do this anymore. What a bummer.

We had been displaying these ornaments for five years. My

husband even displayed them the year I was in Iraq because children and adults enjoyed looking at them.

We blame ourselves. We should have taken them in at night, but it never entered our minds that someone would steal them.

We would really like them back. So, if the person or persons who took them are reading this, we are asking you to please return them, no questions asked.

We miss our Halloween friends and so do the kids whose parents stopped their cars so they could see them.

Rose Mary Nelson
Grayling

Get a job, get some help and get a life

To the editor:

On Monday night, Oct. 20, our bench at Salon Rue was destroyed by vandals. Again, more destruction of property in Grayling – why? Do you have nothing better to do? In tune with the season of Halloween, I

personally put the curse of life upon you. Get a job, get some help and get a life!

P.S. Want anger management? Come and see me, I have enough testosterone for your vengeance!

Sandi Hasson
Grayling

GPA contributes to many community events

To the editor:

Mr. Phil Faustman deserves a round of applause from every Grayling Promotional Association (GPA) member for his recent letter regarding our "Shop Grayling First" cards. We discussed the letter at our regular meeting and wondered if some folks are unaware of all the activities helped by the money raised by GPA when we sell those cards. Those cards are our biggest fundraiser and are supplemented by the other fund-raisers we hold during the year. Some of these are Pictionary, Junque in the Trunk, the Fall Craft Show and the upcoming Festival of Trees.

GPA gives to many causes on an annual basis (when requested) and others are a one time contribution like the \$1,000 to the museum roof and the \$3,000 to the Mercy Hospital Emergency Room which was done over a three year period. Others include the Grayling Youth Boosters, the AuSable River Marathon, CCEDP, the Watershed Arts Council, Kid's Day, the AuSable River Parade, the Crawford County United Way, the Grayling High School Viking Band and the Crawford AuSable Thanksgiving Dinner, plus our own GPA

Entertainment Event Series, the American flag project and the new street banners that will go up in the spring.

GPA has a mission statement that states that we want to work cooperatively for the benefit, education and promotion of the community of Grayling, and to increase cooperation and awareness between the business community and the community in general.

GPA has always welcomed new members. Anyone who is interested can come and visit and see what we are about, and after a week or two become a member. Dues are only \$36 a year. We spend very little on GPA itself, like posters, fliers, stationery and stamps. Otherwise we all pay our own way. Beginning in November, we will be meeting at the new Canadian Steak and Fish every Tuesday at noon. We work hard, but the friendship and fun and the satisfaction of helping our community is worth the effort. Come and join us.

The Grayling Promotional Association has been promoting Grayling since 1983.

Grayling Promotional
Association

Gas, grass and street

To the editor:

I agree with the people that wrote about gas prices last week, but you don't have to go that far downstate. I go to Beaverton for my grandson's football games and Beaverton and Coleman run about 20 or 30 cents per gallon less than Grayling.

I asked one of the policemen a couple of months ago about how they have the old ladies afraid because they might have their grass too high. I asked, when are they going to fix their mistake? I asked about the water run-off pits by the streets on the south side of town, with their high grass and weeds, and he said they are work-

ing on it. Old ladies, one week, the City of Grayling, two years and counting.

Now that grass growing season is about over, why doesn't the city take their grass cop and have him walk the beat between the traffic light and Citizens Bank on Michigan Avenue. Whenever a parked car wants out, they can stop cars (that already have had to wait through a couple of light changes before they can go), let them out and really tee off the people on that great one lane of traffic.

Jerry LaMotte
Grayling

Don't forget to vote

To the editor:

Recently, I have been getting involved and learning more about government. I have had the opportunity to learn first hand what goes on in a local office. I am grateful for the opportunity and think the public deserves to know a few things.

In the last several weeks I have seen the local papers allow opinions to be printed about local officials in office, coming and going. It is my opinion, after attending several meetings and reading the paper, that there was entirely too much high school gossip in the newspaper articles and not enough of the facts. You are grown adults and you should act like it. These articles, as of late, are a gross play on conversations and not the whole truth.

The people reading this should know Gov. 101. We the people elect into office those we deem capable of handling certain affairs for us, so that we will be protected, guaranteed our rights and will be respected while we are going about our other day to day business.

Electing a president, councilman, supervisor or clerk does not get this done on its own. We all know they cannot make decisions for us or change laws unless all the people on their respective boards, or in the house or senate, vote it in, regardless of the issue.

If a republican president we don't want in office wants to pass

a law that no one wants, then how does a majority democratic house or senate provide him with a passing vote? All the blame or fame is not on one man here. No one changes the rules or passes laws on their own and we all know that. Think about what you really need here and not what you want when you go to vote on Nov. 4 this year.

As for the Grayling City and Grayling Township issues, out of about 7,000 people in the area, only about 50 people showed up to the meetings to hear what was going on and to be involved. That is either a sign that most of the people support their local township decisions or the citizens are just not getting involved. They have some important things going on right now and I encourage all of you, dare you and support you in going down to your local offices now. Call, ask questions and get involved.

Do you know what's going on with your local fire hall? Who is working for you? What's going on? When elections are over, you will not get another say in the matter until the next election. This is going to be a big deal in the coming years and you want to know and need to know about changes in your local area townships and governments.

Get involved today. Don't forget to vote on Nov. 4.

Rhonda Lansky
Roscommon

We did not endorse Mike Duffy

To the editor:

To all the people of Grayling Township, regarding the endorsement ad in the Oct. 23 edition of the Avalanche for Mike Duffy, we did not, nor did we ever, give our endorsement to Mike Duffy.

He used our names without our permission.

Ron Herron
Tom Hunt
Neil Michal
Cheryl Ruley
Grayling

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BRIEFS

Grayling Eagles to host craft and bake sale

The Grayling Eagles, 602 Huron St. (M-72 East), will hold their annual craft show and bake sale on Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. There will be local and out of town crafters. Chili, soup, sandwiches and beverages will be available. For information, contact Trish at 989-344-0035 or Lydia at 989-348-2169.

Blood drives to be held

The American Red Cross will hold two local blood drives in November. The first one will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the Grayling High School from 8:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. and is sponsored by the Grayling High School Student Senate. A blood drive will be held on Thursday, Nov. 6, at Frederic Elementary School from noon - 5:45 p.m., sponsored by the Frederic Community. For more information, call 231-347-6984 or 1-800-682-2240, ext. 109.

State retirees to hold monthly meeting

The regular monthly meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 4, at the Houghton Lake Community Building at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are invited.

TOPS Chapter 1496 to meet

TOPS Chapter 1496 will meet on Thursdays, from 4:45 p.m. - 6 p.m., at St. John's Lutheran Church on Spruce Street. New members are welcome. For more information, call 348-1776 or 348-2985.

Choir boosters to hold monthly meeting

The Grayling High School Choir Boosters meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6:30 p.m., in the GHS choir room. The Madrigal Dinner and the choir trip will be discussed as well as other activities. Parent input is important, please attend.

Garden club to meet

Beyond the Garden Wall Garden Club will meet on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. Master Gardener Barb Bishoff will present a program on preparing gardens for winter. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call 348-8519.

Children's Halloween party to be held

A children's Halloween party will be held on Oct. 31, at 5:30 p.m., at the Lovells Fire Barn next door to the town hall on Twin Bridge Road. There will be a sandwich meal, games and treats. It is a place to gather before heading out to trick or treat. There will also be a trunk-n-treat after the party.

GRA to hold board meetings

The elected officers of Grayling Recreation Authority will hold regular board meetings at the Crawford County Building's Commissioners room from Nov. 2008 - March 2009 and at Hanson Hills Recreation Area Main Lodge from April 2009 - Oct. 2009. All meetings will be held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 8 a.m.

Church to hold Fall Fun Fest

Resurrection Life Center, 2640 W. M-72, will hold a community Fall Fun Fest on Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. There will be hayrides, treats, games, candy and prizes.

Community calendar available online

The Crawford County Avalanche has a community calendar on their new web site. To view area happenings, or to be considered for publication of your event, go to crawfordcountyavalanche.com, click on community and go to the community calendar.

There's still time to get an absentee ballot

Voters are still able to use the absentee ballot option in the upcoming November election.

"The absentee ballot option gives those who qualify the opportunity to participate in the election and to vote the ballot at their convenience," Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land said. "You still have time to get an absentee ballot for the November election if you qualify, but the deadline is fast approaching. Simply contact your local clerk for more information."

As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee ballot if you are age 60 or older, physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another, expecting to be out of town on Election Day, in jail awaiting arraignment or trial, unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons or appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Voters who wish to receive their absentee ballot by mail have until

2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, to submit their absentee ballot application to their city or township clerk.

Voters must include their name, address and the qualifying reason for requesting the ballot. An absentee ballot application is available at any local clerk's office or online at www.Michigan.gov/vote. A request can also be submitted in a simple letter or on a postcard.

Registered voters may also visit their city or township clerk's office for an absentee ballot through 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 3. Those who request a ballot in person on Nov. 3 must vote the ballot while in the clerk's office. Absentee ballots must be returned to the clerk's office by hand or by mail by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Emergency absentee ballots are available under certain conditions through 4 p.m. on Election Day.

Voters should note that if they have registered to vote by mail or via a voter registration drive and

have never voted in Michigan, they are not eligible to vote by absentee ballot in their first election. They must vote in person at their precinct instead. However, this restriction does not apply to voters who are age 60 or older, disabled or overseas.

Absentee voters should remember to sign the return envelope. If a voter receives assistance in preparing the ballot, the signature of the person providing the assistance must also be on the return envelope. Signed absentee ballots can only be returned to a clerk's office by the voter, a family member or person residing in the voter's household, a mail carrier or an election official.

When completing an absentee ballot, voters should be aware that building managers and staff cannot take possession of a person's ballot unless they are handling it as a part of their duties to collect that building's outgoing mail. It is also illegal to vote in a group set-

ting. Residents should not attend any meeting at which the residents of their building or members of an organization to which they belong are being asked to vote at the same time.

Land encourages anyone who believes these procedures are being violated to call the Michigan Bureau of Elections toll-free at 1-866-766-4355.

For additional information, visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.Michigan.gov/vote or contact your local clerk.

MDOT recruits volunteers to "Adopt-A- Landscape"

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is encouraging members of the public, community groups, master gardener clubs, businesses and public agencies to "Adopt-A-Landscape."

Similar to the department's long-standing Adopt-A-Highway program, the new Adopt-A-Landscape program hopes to recruit civic-minded volunteers to help beautify interchanges, boulevards, rest areas and roadside parks. Volunteers will plant flowers, shrubs and trees, control weeds, trim and remove trees, sow wildflowers, remove graffiti from highway structures and perform ancillary mowing. Adopt-A-Landscape volunteers will help MDOT stretch limited maintenance dollars. Planting vegetation also will help prevent storm water runoff.

"We know there are talented people out there who would like to help keep Michigan looking beautiful," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "Several state rest areas and Welcome Centers already are benefiting from the expertise of master gardener groups who plant and maintain flower beds and shrubbery. The Adopt-A-Landscape program will provide an opportunity for more people to contribute their time and talent."

Adopting groups can use volunteers to do the work on their own, or hire a contractor to perform the work on their behalf. Volunteers

receive safety vests, safety materials and name recognition signs to mark the area their group has adopted, similar to the signs used by the Adopt-A-Highway program. Permits to do the work are being issued on a first-come, first-serve basis. Interested groups should contact their local MDOT Transportation Service Center (TSC) for more information on what sections of land are available for adoption.

MDOT has posted an informational brochure and Frequently Asked Questions online at www.michigan.gov/adoptaland-scape.

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PRime Vocal Jazz to perform as part of entertainment series

The Grayling Promotional Association's Entertainment Series will be presenting PRime Vocal Jazz at the Grayling High School Joseph Stripe Auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 8.

PRime Vocal Jazz, a Detroit-area group, has entertained audiences throughout the U.S. and abroad with a warm blend of swing, pop, rock and classics.

Organized in the 1990s, their repertoire ranges from Mozart to the Beach Boys, from Duke Ellington to New York Voices to Singers Unlimited.

PRime has performed at many of the world's most prestigious jazz festivals, including the Montreux and North Sea Jazz Festivals in Europe, the Michigan Jazz Festival and the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the performance begins at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 for individuals or \$10 for seniors or students. Family rates are available. Tickets can be purchased in advance in uptown Grayling, at Riverland or at the door.

For more information on this performance or a schedule of the upcoming series, call Riverland at 989-344-0047.

This entertainment series is presented by the Grayling Promotional Association in partnership with area businesses and corporations, a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council.



PRime Vocal Jazz will be performing for the Grayling Promotional Association Entertainment Series at the Grayling High School Joseph Stripe Auditorium on Saturday, Nov. 8.

Where is Al Capone? Al

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Energy plan might create new jobs, but how many?

by Nico Rubello
Capital News Service

The impact of a possible new state energy plan may or may not have a major impact on employment in northern Michigan.

The plan would set new standards for renewable energy use and energy efficiency. While supporters said the plan would boost Michigan's economy, opponents argue that it would decrease competition among electrical utilities, increasing costs for consumers.

"It will create jobs throughout the state of Michigan, including northern Michigan," said Megan Brown, press secretary for Gov. Jennifer Granholm. "We need to create the demand for companies to come here. That's why we need to pass this renewable portfolio standard quickly."

But Norm Saari, chief of staff for Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, said the plan's passage, which has a strong possibility of occurring soon, would create

only a limited number of jobs. Even so, the legislation is important to show how the state will use renewable resources in the future, he said.

Negotiations between the House and Senate are underway.

"Passage of the bills definitely has the potential (to help northern Michigan's economy) because of the resources available in northern Michigan, both in terms of the wind resources, and in terms of forest resources," Saari said.

One significant change would be shifting the cost of electricity.

In Michigan, businesses now subsidize residential energy costs, a Michigan Chamber of Commerce executive said.

The proposed energy plan would require residential customers to pay their costs in full, decreasing electrical costs for businesses, said Doug Roberts Jr., the Michigan Chamber of Commerce's director of environ-

mental and energy policy.

That change would thus make the state more competitive in attracting businesses, he added.

"Competitive electric rates will be one of the factors that will help to hopefully keep Michigan businesses here or help others to locate here," Roberts said. "And certainly if you were to build power plants, you have the jobs that are associated with those."

But the plan would also eliminate about 90 percent of state residents' ability to choose alternative electrical suppliers, said Barry Cargill, executive director of Lansing-based Customer Choice Coalition. The coalition includes schools, grocery stores, service stations and manufacturers who support current electric laws.

"We support competition as the best way to keep prices for energy low," he said. "What we don't support is trading all that to monopolize."

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The 50/50 raffle winners for Osborne, Betty MacLeod, Heidi

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- 1) There have been no tax increases, nor is there a future need to increase taxes or special assessments. Grayling Township is fiscally responsible and financially sound.
- 2) I have written grants which have brought nearly \$400,000 into the township for specific projects.
- 3) I proposed, planned, and implemented a comprehensive recycling and composting program which is the most efficient small recycling operation in northern Michigan, at no extra cost to you.
- 4) I proposed, planned, and implemented a township park through a state grant, which is one of the nicest family parks in northern Michigan, at no extra cost to you.
- 5) I was a member of the team which negotiated and signed an agreement with the MDNR, the first of its kind in Michigan, freeing up nearly 2,000-acres of state land for private development. This could soon mean valuable jobs for our residents.
- 6) I continually audit each township department to ensure they remain fiscally responsible, and have even called for state audits of the assessor's department and the building department when I thought necessary. Both passed with flying colors.
- 7) I implemented the Grayling Township Ordinance Enforcement Bureau, which has allowed officers to fine those who won't clean up their unsightly properties. As a result, hundreds of properties have been cleaned up and we're still working on many more, at no extra cost to you.
- 8) I have worked closely with other groups to bring you pedestrian walkways and streetscape beautification, at no extra cost to you.
- 9) The professionalism, knowledge, courtesy and respect you receive from all township employees is as good as it gets.
- 10) I have and will continue to work with anyone at anytime to ensure your township's participation is making this the best place for you to live, work, and play. Now I need your help, please vote for me on Tuesday, November 4th.

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Preview of 2008 General Election ballot

A preview of the Nov. 4 General Election ballot and a synopsis of the local contested races:

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PRESIDENTIAL

Vote for not more than 1
John McCain/Sarah Palin - Republican
Barack Obama/Joe Biden - Democratic
Cynthia McKinney/Rosa Clemente - Green
Chuck Baldwin/Darrell L. Castle - U.S. Taxpayers
Bob Barr/Wayne A. Root - Libertarian
Ralph Nader/Matt Gonzalez - Natural Law

CONGRESSIONAL United States Senator

Vote for not more than 1
Jack Hoogendyk, Jr. - Rep.
Carl Levin - Dem.
Harley G. Mikkelsen - Green
Michael N. Nikitin - U.S. Taxpayers
Scotty Boman - Libertarian
Doug Dern - Natural Law

In the race for the first congressional seat, Republican Tom Casperson, a current state representative from Escanaba, is challenging incumbent Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Menominee, who has held the seat for 15 years. Jean Treacy is running as the Green party candidate, Joshua J. Warren is running as the U.S. Taxpayers candidate and Daniel W. Grow is running as the Libertarian candidate for the seat.

Representative in Congress 1st District

Vote for not more than 1
Tom Casperson - Rep.
Bart Stupak - Dem.
Jean Treacy - Green
Joshua J. Warren - U.S. Taxpayers
Daniel W. Grow - Libertarian

In the race for the 106th District State Representative seat, Peter Pettalia, the Presque Isle Township Supervisor, is facing Democrat Andy Neumann of Alpena, who was term-limited from the 106th seat in 2002. Neumann was appointed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm to serve as the State Fire Marshal, but resigned from the position to run for office. State office holders who are term limited must wait out a term before running for the seat again. Scott Alexander is running as a Libertarian candidate for the seat.

Current 106th State Rep. Matt Gillard (D-Alpena) is prevented by term limits from running for re-election.

LEGISLATIVE Representative in State Legislature - 106th District

Vote for not more than 1
Peter A. Pettalia - Rep.
Andy Neumann - Dem.
Scott Alexander - Libertarian

STATE BOARDS Member of the State Board of Education

Vote for not more than 2
Scott Jenkins - Rep.
Richard Zeile - Rep.
John Austin - Dem.
Kathleen Straus - Dem.
Dwain Reynolds, III - Green
Karen Adams - U.S. Taxpayers
Gail M. Graeser - U.S. Taxpayers

Bill Hall - Libertarian
Jeff A. Steinport - Libertarian
Regent of the University of Michigan

Vote for not more than 2
Susan Brown - Rep.
John G. LaFond - Rep.
Laurence B. Deitch - Dem.
Denise Ilitch - Dem.
Ellis Boal - Green
Richard Ryskamp - U.S. Taxpayers

Joe Sanger - U.S. Taxpayers
Eric L. Larson - Libertarian
Kerry L. Morgan - Libertarian
Trustee of Michigan State University

Vote for not more than 2
Lisa Bouchard - Rep.
George Scott Romney - Rep.
Dianne Byrum - Dem.
Diann Woodard - Dem.
Therese Marie Storm - Green
Robert Gale - U.S. Taxpayers
Crystal Van Sickle - U.S. Taxpayers
David A. Brown - Libertarian

Joseph Rosenquist - Libertarian
Gov. of Wayne State Univ.
Torion J. Bridges - Rep.
Danialle Karmanos - Rep.
Paul Massaron - Dem.
Gary S. Pollard - Dem.
Margaret Guttshall - Green
Rick Butkowski - U.S. Taxpayers
Terry Haines - U.S. Taxpayers
Dan Keizer - Libertarian
Nicole Michalak - Libertarian

CRAWFORD COUNTY Prosecuting Attorney

Everett E. Ayers - Rep.
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Kirk A. Wakefield - Rep.
Clerk/Register of Deeds
Sandra Moore - Rep.
Treasurer
Joseph V. Wakeley - Rep.
Road Commissioner
James Burch - Rep.

In Grayling Charter Township, incumbent Township Supervisor Terry R. Wright is being challenged by Mike Duffy for the position.

Incumbent township trustees Shawn M. Kraycs and Dennis Long, and Duane Brooks and Linda Munsey, who were elected as trustees in the August primary election, are being challenged by no-party affiliation candidates James Cox and Terry Cranston for their seats on the board. The township board is expanding from having two trustees to having four trustees on the board.

Also, Allen J. Kangas and Albert R. Ingalls are running as no-party affiliation candidates for the township constable's job.

Grayling Township County Commissioner 2nd District

Scott M. Hanson - Rep.
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District -

Mike Lange - Rep.
Grayling Township
County Commissioner 5th
District

Dave Stephenson - Rep.
Grayling Township
County Commissioner 6th
District

Rick Anderson - Dem.
Grayling Township
County Commissioner 7th
District

Terry Beardslee - Rep.
Supervisor

Vote for not more than 1
Terry R. Wright - Rep.
Mike Duffy - Dem.

Clerk
Monica Ashton - Rep.
Treasurer
Cindy Olson - Rep.

Trustee
Vote for not more than 4
Duane Brooks - Rep.
Shawn M. Kraycs - Rep.
Dennis J. Long - Rep.
Linda Munsey - Rep.
James Cox - no party affiliation

Terry Cranston - no party affiliation

Constable
Vote for not more than 1
Allen J. Kangas - no party affiliation

Albert R. Ingalls - no party affiliation.

In Beaver Creek Township, incumbent trustees, Republicans Megan Little and Gary Summers, who won the opportunity to retain their seats in the primary election, are being challenged by Marvin Patrick Gregory, a no-party affiliation candidate.

Incumbent Township Clerk Sharon Hartman defeated challenger Kim VanNuck in the primary election. VanNuck is now waging a write-in campaign for the position.

Beaver Creek Township - Supervisor

Brian Ashton - Rep.
Clerk
Sharon K. Hartman - Rep.

Treasurer
Vivian D. Balms - Rep.

Trustee
Vote for not more than 2
Megan Little - Rep.
Gary Summers - Rep.
Marvin Patrick Gregory - no party affiliation

Frederic Township had a four-way race for the township supervisor's position. Incumbent Township Supervisor Jeff Kea, however, asked to have his name pulled from the ballot since he has taken a new work position.

Frederic Township - County Commissioner 3rd District

Shelley L. Pinkelman - Rep.
Supervisor
Mark D. Kniss - Rep.

Clerk
Sandra L. Baynham - Dem.

Treasurer
Vote for not more than 1
Joan Thompson - Rep.
Denise Babbitt - Dem.

Trustee
Vote for not more than 2
Bernard R. Feldhauser - Dem.
Kristine K. Madill - Dem.

In South Branch Township, incumbent Township Supervisor Tom Kozlowski is being challenged by U.S. Taxpayer candidate Clayton Bullard.

South Branch Township - County Commissioner 7th District

Terry Beardslee - Rep.
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 1
Tom Kozlowski - U.S. Taxpayers

Clerk
Lynn George - Rep.
Treasurer
Suzanne Luck - Rep.

Trustee

Kea is filling out his term and plans to relocate to southwest Michigan. That leaves Democrat William T. Johnson, U.S. Taxpayer candidate George A. Emerson, the publisher of the Emerson Review a newspaper produced in Frederic, and Michael Girard, a former township trustee, township zoning administrator and a no-party affiliation candidate, running for the position.

Frederic Township also has four candidates running for two trustee positions on the board. Matthew R. Hough and Brian Hulbert are vying as republicans against Democrats James A. Madill and Stephen Wilson. Wilson, however, is asking Frederic voters to cast their ballots for other candidates since he is employed at Camp Grayling's Maneuver Area Training Equipment Site and cannot hold a partisan political office and work for a taxpayer supported employer under federal Hatch Act regulations.

Frederic Township - County Commissioner 3rd District

Shelley L. Pinkelman - Rep.
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 1
William T. Johnson - Dem.
George A. Emerson - U.S. Taxpayers

Michael Girard - no party affiliation

Clerk
Nancy L. Bindschattel - Dem.

Treasurer
Sandra Barber - Dem.

Trustee
Vote for not more than 2
Matthew R. Hough - Rep.
Brian Hulbert - Rep.

James A. Madill - Dem.
Stephen Wilson - Dem.

In Lovells Township, Tamara Kengel, a democrat, is facing Republican Cynthia Infante for the township's clerk position. Jan Reynolds is also running as a write-in candidate for the Lovells clerk position.

Incumbent Lovells Township Supervisor Republican Frederick Schaibly is facing a challenge from Paul Jones, who is running as a write-in candidate for the position.

Republican Annette Simpson and Democrat Delphine Nowaczyk are running unopposed for the two trustee positions on the board.

Lovells Township - County Commissioner 6th District

Rick Anderson - Dem.
Supervisor
Frederick Schaibly - Dem.

Clerk
Vote for not more than 1
Cynthia Infante - Rep.
Tamara A. Kengel - Dem.

Treasurer
Ann C. Duby - Rep.

Trustee
Vote for not more than 2
Annette Stimpson - Rep.
Delphine R. Nowaczyk - Dem.

In Maple Forest Township, Republican Treasurer Joan Thompson is being challenged by Democrat Denise Babbitt for the position.

Maple Forest Township - County Commissioner 3rd District

Shelley L. Pinkelman - Rep.
Supervisor
Mark D. Kniss - Rep.

Clerk
Sandra L. Baynham - Dem.

Treasurer
Vote for not more than 1
Joan Thompson - Rep.
Denise Babbitt - Dem.

Trustee
Vote for not more than 2
Bernard R. Feldhauser - Dem.
Kristine K. Madill - Dem.

In South Branch Township, incumbent Township Supervisor Tom Kozlowski is being challenged by U.S. Taxpayer candidate Clayton Bullard.

South Branch Township - County Commissioner 7th District

Terry Beardslee - Rep.
Supervisor
Vote for not more than 1
Tom Kozlowski - U.S. Taxpayers

Clerk
Lynn George - Rep.
Treasurer
Suzanne Luck - Rep.

Trustee

Vote for not more than 2
Mike Janisse - Rep.
Paul Musselman - Rep.

City of Grayling County Commissioner 1st District

Kathy Rogers - Rep.

NONPARTISAN SECTION Judicial

Justice of Supreme Court
Vote for not more than 1
Diane Marie Hathaway
Robert W. Roddis
Cliff Taylor

Judge of Court of Appeals 4th District Incumbent Position

Vote for not more than 2
Alton T. Davis
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Judge of Court of Appeals 4th District Non-Incumbent Position

Vote for not more than 1
Paula Manderfield
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Judge of Circuit Court 46th District Incumbent Position

Dennis F. Murphy
Judge of District Court 87th
District

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PROPOSAL SECTION State

Proposal 08-1 : A legislative initiative to permit the use and cultivation of marijuana for specified medical conditions

The proposed law would: Permit physician approved use of marijuana by registered patients with debilitating medical conditions including cancer, glaucoma, HIV, AIDS, hepatitis C, MS and other conditions as may be approved by the Department of Community Health.

Permit registered individuals to grow limited amounts of marijuana for qualifying patients in an enclosed, locked facility.

Require Department of Community Health to establish an identification card system for patients qualified to use marijuana and individuals qualified to grow marijuana.

Permit registered and unregistered patients and primary caregivers to assert medical reasons for using marijuana as a defense to any prosecution involving marijuana.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Proposal 08-2 : A proposal to amend the state constitution to address human embryo and human embryonic stem cell research in Michigan

The proposed constitutional amendment would:

Expand use of human embryos for any research permitted under federal law subject to the following limits: the embryos - are created for fertility treatment purposes; are not suitable for implantation or are in excess of clinical needs; would be discarded unless used for research; were donated by the person seeking fertility treatment.

Provide that stem cells cannot be taken from human embryos more than 14 days after cell division begins.

Prohibit any person from selling or purchasing human embryos for stem cell research.

Prohibit state and local laws that prevent, restrict or discourage stem cell research, future therapies and cures. Should this proposal be adopted?

County Road Repair Millage Proposal

Shall the tax limitation upon the total amount of general ad valorem taxes imposed upon real and tangible personal property for all purposes in any one year under the Michigan constitution be increased in the County of Crawford, Michigan by 1.00 mill (which is equal to \$1.00 per \$1,000.00 of taxable value of all such property) for a period of 5 years, 2009 through 2013, inclusive, for the purpose of providing funds exclusively for the maintenance and repair of roads under the jurisdiction of the Crawford County Road Commission, within the County of Crawford. The proposed millage is a new additional millage. The amount of revenue the County of Crawford will collect if that millage is approved and levied by the County in the first calendar year is estimated to be \$543,041.00.

AREA EVENTS

Traverse City - Mauvais Sort Kid's Concert and Family Day will be held on Nov. 1. The Family Day is from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. and the Kid's Concert is at 11 a.m.

Mauvais Sort, a French Canadian folk fusion group from Quebec, will entertain audiences on Saturday, Nov. 1, with a kid's concert. Mauvais Sort combines talent, accessibility and enthusiasm with a love for music, specifically traditional music, to capture the hearts of its audience. Using bygone tunes and lyrics, anecdotes of its own making and traditional stories, this concert especially for children will focus on having fun with interactive activities while learning about traditional instruments such as the accordion, the fiddle and the mandolin. Cost is \$5 for children ages 2 to 12 and \$10 for adults. Go to www.dennosmuseum.org or call 231-995-1553 for tickets. The museum will host a Family Day on the same day from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., with activities relating to the concert and the 12 Voices exhibit of art quilts.

The Dennon Museum Center is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5

p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children and free to museum members. For more information on the museum and exhibition, go to www.dennosmuseum.org or call 231-995-1055. The Dennon Museum Center is located at 1701 East Front Street, Traverse City, at the entrance to the campus of Northwestern Michigan College.

Fairview - The Fairview 4-H Peer Mentoring Program is hosting a 3 on 3 basketball tournament on Nov. 22. Tip off will begin at 9 a.m. sharp, doors open at 8:30 a.m. This is a three game elimination tournament. The cost is \$25 for the open division and the high school high division. The tournament will be held at Fairview Area Schools, 1879 E. Miller Rd., Fairview. Send registration to the above address, with attention Peer Mentoring, before Monday, Nov. 17. A late registration will result in a \$10 fee. Registration will be closed on Friday, Nov. 21, at 3:30 p.m. For questions, call Cyndi or Corina at 989-848-7052.

LIBRARY NEWS

At the Devereaux Memorial Library, a kid's vote counts. Kids have from now until Nov. 4 to place their votes for president and vice president. There will be a special voting booth in the children's section, complete with ballots, hand punch and information on the candidates. The Repelican party is running Harry Potter for president, who is promising to solve our nation's problem like magic. Harry's running mate is Junie B. "Not a Crook" Jones. Over on the Demibrats platform, we have an experienced leader in Nancy Drew for president and Captain Underpants as her vice-presidential running mate with his strong military background. The Camouflage Club will be back in November with three

new programs titled "Army Training ... Sir." Learn about the military by joining us for the field trip to Camp Grayling, the Lego obstacle course and the Three C's meet the Two C's program. For more information, contact Jane at 348-9214, ext. 205.

Teens can sign up now for the second "Cyber Teen Revolution" program to be held at the Devereaux Memorial Library on Friday, Nov. 7, at 6 p.m. Learn about fun and safe Web sites to visit and take "Meagan's Pledge" against cyber-bullying. Teens and pre-teens are invited to join the library for this interactive journey on the World Wide Web by calling Connie Meyer at 989-348-9214.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Seaman Recruit Charles W. Ervin, of Grayling, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Ervin completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This exercise gives recruits the skills

and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

Ervin is a 2008 graduate of Grayling High School and the son of Jackie L. and Tobias D. Ervin of Grayling.

RANGE FIRING

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd. 618, and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Oct. 30 - 31, Nov. 1 - 5.

The Range 40 Complex, located north of County Rd. 612, east of Sherman Rd., south of Old State Rd. 618 and west of County Rd. F97 (Twin Bridge Rd.), Oct. 31 - Nov. 2.

Heavy weapons range firing is scheduled from sunrise until three hours after sunset. Due to

mobilizations or critical training requirements, the Post Commander may authorize mission-firing requirements beyond this time.

This firing schedule is subject to change without notice to the public.

Contact the Grayling Department of Natural Resources for the areas closed for hunting within the boundaries of the installation. Grayling DNR telephone number is 989-348-6371. For further information, call 989-344-6320.s

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Angie's Angels, a team created for the Relay for Life, wanted to send out a huge thank you to each and every person, business, donation and support that we received from you. We would like to thank all of our sponsors: Glen's Market of Roscommon for donations from them and their suppliers; Scott McNamara Ford; B.C. Pizza of Roscommon; American Legion Post #106; USA Trailer Sales; Mrs. Baynham's 5th grade class; MSable Construction, North Country Corner; State Farm Insurance; and DuBois Lumber. We would also like to thank our whole Angie's Angels team for putting up with the rain, the sun and the happy and sad times. Thanks to you all from the bottom of our hearts.

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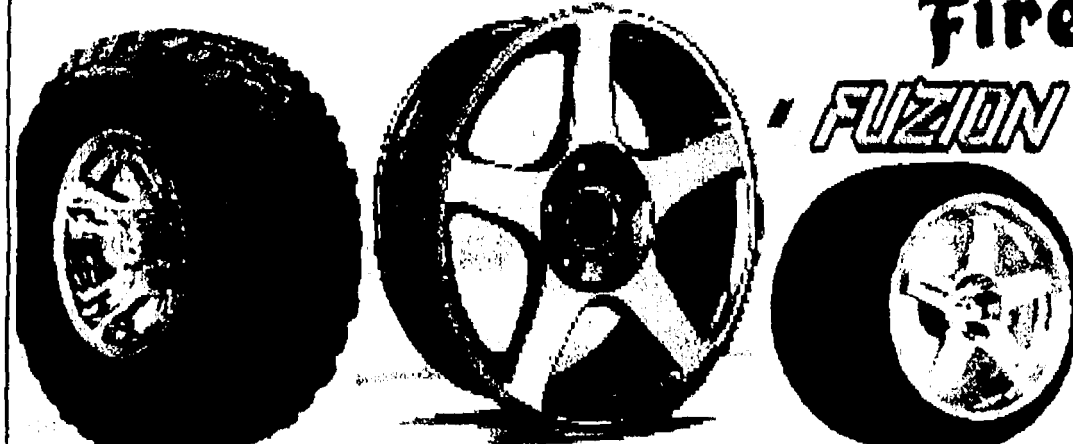
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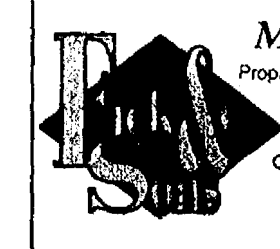
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Awards banquet honors dedicated volunteers

In September, the annual Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary awards banquet honored the dedicated 62-person membership as well as the thousands of hours and dollars given to the hospital by the small but dedicated group.

The event featured a sit-down dinner, service awards and special presentations by Mercy Hospital Grayling CEO Stephanie Riener-Matuzak and Chief Human Resources Officer Kirsten Korth-White, said Scott Hoffer, Volunteer Services Coordinator for Mercy Hospital Grayling.

"Without the vast commitment from our Auxiliary members, both in time and dollars, I know that our hospital would be a much different place," Hoffer said. "The annual banquet is our

way of expressing our profound gratitude for what they do and who they are."

Service pins were given to the 62 members of the Auxiliary, who volunteered a total of 18,588 hours of compassionate, caring service to patients and their families, the staff and the community.

In addition to donating their time this year, the Auxiliary paid off their \$250,000 pledge one year early to the Emergency Department. An additional \$100,000 was pledged to the current main hallway renovation, payable over the next three years.

Special recognition and Honorary Membership were given to long-standing members Ken Eldridge, who has volunteered more than 9,000 hours, and Jean Riener, who has volunteered more than 7,000 hours. Those who are promoted to the Honorary list are done so because of their dedicated service and unselfish devotion to the cause of the Mercy Hospital Auxiliary, Hoffer said.

Mercy Hospital to hold free Diabetes Expo

The complications from diabetes are serious and range from high blood pressure to potential blindness, amputation, kidney disease and coma.

"What many people might not know, however, is that diabetic patients are two to four times more likely to develop heart disease than those adults without diabetes," said Rhonda Haske, Diabetes Program Coordinator for Mercy Hospital Grayling.

"Diabetes is a very serious health condition that is linked to heart disease," Haske said. "Education is a vital part of turning this disturbing health trend around."

To help diabetic adults make positive, heart healthy changes, Mercy Hospital Grayling is cosponsoring the Diabetes Expo on Nov. 8 at the Ramada Inn in Grayling from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. It is a one-day seminar that focuses on the diabetes/heart disease link, giving participants information and tools to help manage and even improve their condition.

The expo, sponsored in conjunction with pharmaceutical and other wellness-focused companies, features health care vendors, tai chi demonstrations, flu vaccinations (\$25 fee or Medicare coverage), cholesterol screenings, blood pressure checks, body fat analysis, door prizes and more.

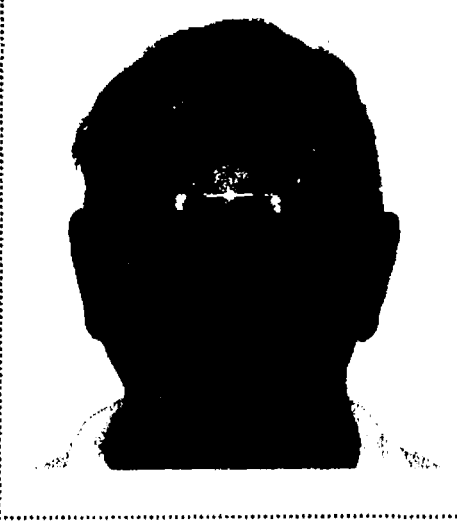
Talks by nurses and physicians will focus on the diabetes/heart disease link and dietitian Karen Neigh will discuss grocery shopping for a healthy heart. Mercy Hospital lead cook Rex Thomas will be presenting a cooking demonstration on healthy heart cooking techniques, followed by a food tasting.

No registration is required. Flu vaccines and cholesterol screenings are free to the uninsured; no out-of-pocket expenses will be incurred for those who bring their Medicare cards.

For more information, please contact the Mercy Hospital Grayling Diabetes Education Department at (989) 348-0400.

ELECT

Albert "Mike" Ingalls
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Eagles offer free memberships to police, firefighters, EMTs

On Sept. 1, the Fraternal Order of Eagles (FOE) began offering free memberships to law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians throughout the United States and Canada.

Grand Worthy President Jim Roberts of the FOE headquarters in Ohio announced that from now until further notice, members of these professions are eligible to join the FOE free of charge for one year.

"The Eagles is an organization of people helping people," said Roberts. "And we are reaching out to the folks who keep our communities safe with this unprecedented offer as a token of our gratitude for their outstanding service."

Every law enforcement officer (including military police and firefighters), firefighter and emergency medical technician is available for the free one year offer, Roberts said.

"We're trying to give them a little thank you," said Grayling Eagles Secretary Mike Duffy.

The Grayling Eagles already have a history of working in support of local law enforcement. The Grayling Eagles even gave the local chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police access to their hall for meetings.

"We're very proud of our record of supporting police and

firefighters, and charities that are related to them," said Duffy.

Upon being proposed for membership in an Eagles Aerie or Ladies Auxiliary by two current members, the applicants will be voted on and, if accepted, initiated as new members. No dues will be required from them for their first year of membership.

Founded in 1898, the Fraternal Order of Eagles currently has one million members throughout the United States and Canada. Members raise money for charity and spearhead improvements in their communities.

Seven U.S. presidents have belonged to the FOE, as well as numerous show business dignitaries attracted by the Eagles' dedication to public service. Among the latter was the late Bob Hope, who once said, "Eagles are my kind of people."

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Foster care settlement will improve system, experts say

by Courtney Bowerman
Capital News Service

Settlement of a landmark children's rights lawsuit is expected to bring significant improvements to Michigan's foster care system, especially with reduced caseloads for social workers, experts say.

Under the settlement, about 200 specialists will be hired to handle the cases of 6,000 children in foster care, reducing the number of cases for current workers.

"It's a very positive endeavor for the state," said Janet Snyder, director of the Michigan Federation for Children and Families. "It requires the state to put priority on child protection and puts a greater focus on the matter."

Ismael Ahmed, director of the Department of Human Services, said that the settlement would help solve a statewide problem.

Children's Rights, a national nonprofit organization, sued the department last year after a study showed that the state's foster care system violates legal requirements to ensure permanent homes for children.

Sara Bartosz, Children's Rights senior staff attorney in

New York City, said that Michigan's foster care system faces unique challenges. Of 19,000 children in the state system, about 6,000 are in temporary foster care and 7,000 are in unlicensed foster homes.

Some foster homes are unlicensed and don't receive the same financial support as licensed ones, including clothing allowances and maintenance payments, Bartosz said. The settlement would license such homes deemed suitable for children and entitle them to the same support and benefits.

Lyle Dorr, executive director of the Child and Family Services of Northeast Michigan in Alpena, said that some flaws in the system result from the large number of cases assigned to social workers.

"In a bigger system, the caseloads are higher," Dorr said. "We have 20 adoption cases turned in to us that need to be processed, but Wayne County has 2,000."

Northeastern Michigan is a small, more rural area with 30 to 36 children currently in foster care. That region of Child and Family Services has a workload ranging from 12 to 15 cases per worker, Dorr said.

So far, there have been few problems with foster homes in the region, which serves 10 counties, he said. It includes Alpena, Alcona, Crawford, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties.

More problems occur in urban areas, like Detroit, where 30 or 40 cases each can be too many for workers to handle effectively.

According to Snyder, even with a comprehensive screening process for potential foster parents - including thorough background checks and home studies - problems may surface that must be solved to ensure the safety of children and prevent abuse cases, such as the 2005 murder of Ricky Holland, a 7-year-old foster child in Williamston. His foster parents were convicted in the case.

Any small problems in a foster home can be intensified by the inability of overwhelmed social workers to pick up on warning signs, Snyder said. With more social workers and reduced caseloads, workers can focus attention on the home environment, she added.

"Reducing caseloads will only be more helpful for oversight," Snyder said. "Hopefully, it will alleviate pressure on casework-

ers."

In addition, the Department of Human Services will hire more administrators to work in child care and services. They will oversee foster homes and a majority of cases in the counties.

Beyond making sure social workers have a more manageable workload, Snyder said the state also needs to improve other aspects of the system.

"This plan puts a strong emphasis on permanency," she said, noting that many teenagers lack permanent homes. "There needs to be changes in expediency, permanency and safety in the system."

The settlement was finalized Oct. 7 in federal court in Detroit before Judge Nancy Edmunds.

Snyder said, "Any improvements made in the past decade have increased attention to the foster care system. It's a very aggressive plan and a great collaborative effort for both the public and private agencies of the system."

Ahmed, the department director, said, "There have been tremendous changes in the child welfare system over the past 10 months. All steps are being taken in the right direction."

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N'Orthopedics is an orthopedic surgery practice first established in 1978. The practice operates from offices in Gaylord and Grayling. Formerly practicing at N'Orthopedics, Robert Halter, D.O., Louis Habryl, D.O., Gilbert Noirot, M.D., Shelly Slivinski, P.A.-C. and Kellie Mumford, P.A.-

C. will practice with OMH N'Orthopedics. In addition to the physicians and physician assistants, OMH N'Orthopedics employs a large clerical and clinical staff.

Dr. Halter has lived in Gaylord most of his life and he and his family started the practice, which is now called N'Orthopedics, in 1978. "I chose to be a physician so I could help people," said Dr. Halter, "and I love being able to offer patients great orthopedic care locally."

Dr. Habryl has a special interest in the care of arthritis and joint replacement. He is currently a consulting surgeon for BioPro and has participated in the develop-

ment of joint replacement for arthritic conditions of the thumb.

Dr. Noirot specializes in sports medicine, fracture care and shoulder, knee, ankle and wrist arthroscopy.

Physician Assistants Certified, Shelly Slivinski and Kellie Mumford (Dipzinski) were born and raised in Gaylord. "I have always enjoyed sports medicine," Slivinski said, "and am intrigued by recovery and joint replacement." Mumford is excited to be working in her home community.

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Grayling Middle School students learn the basics of voting

Grayling Middle School students recently got a lesson in Voting 101.

Grayling City Clerk Michele Moshier recently visited the Grayling Middle School to explain the voting process. Students learned about how to register to vote, the importance of voting and were given a sample of the ballot for the City of Grayling.

This is one of several election activities happening at GMS. This week, students will have a daily election trivia question.

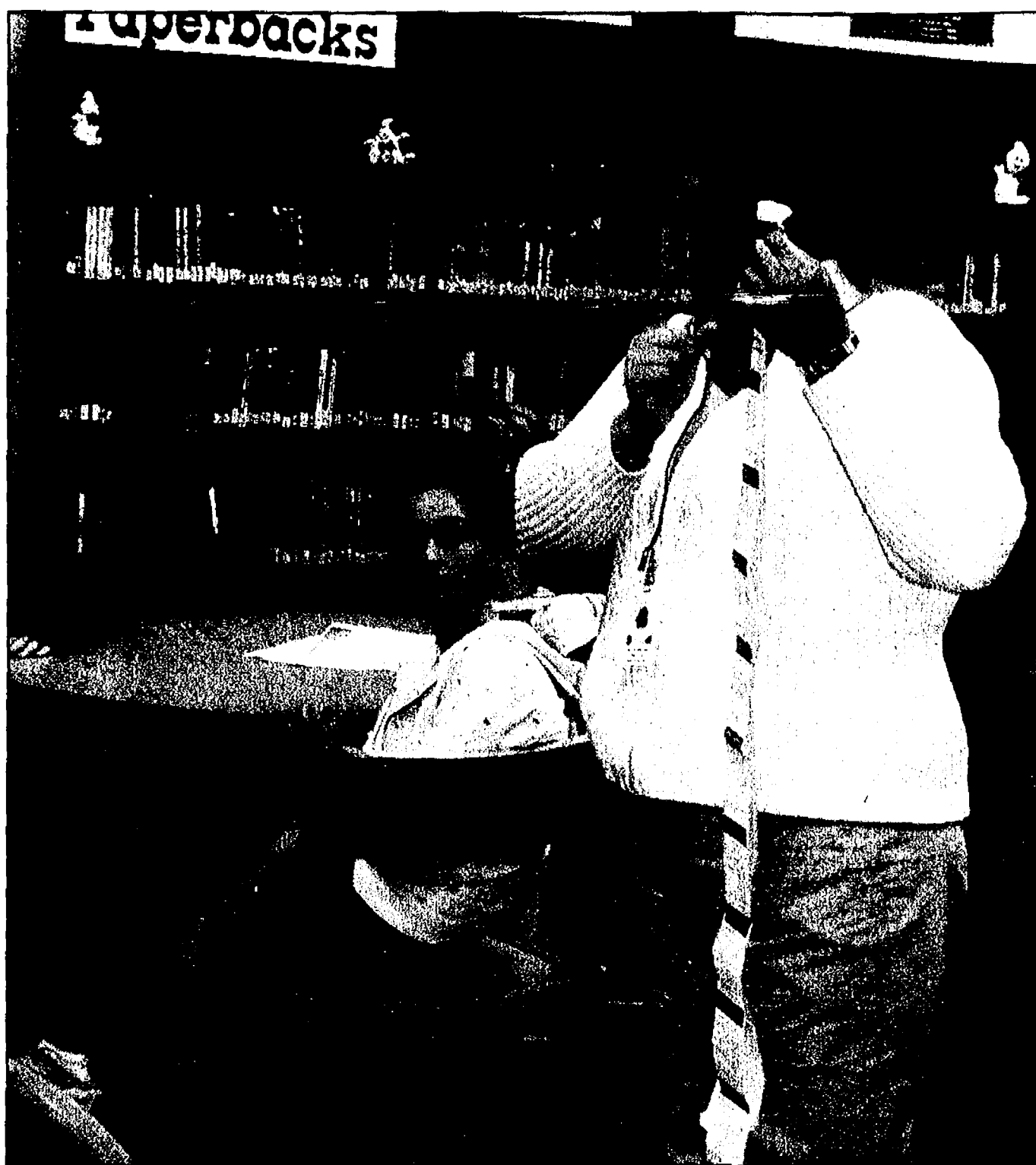
On election day, Tuesday, Nov. 4, GMS will run a mock election.

The student council is providing election pencils for each student after they vote. Social studies classes will then have electors based on the number of students

in the class to simulate the electoral college. Using the new local area network computer process,

the results will be available before students leave for the day. The students can then watch the

national results come in and compare them to the school results.



Grayling City Clerk Michele Moshier recently visited the Grayling Middle School to explain the voting process. Students learned about how to register to vote, the importance of voting and were given a sample of the ballot for the City of Grayling. Above, Moshier displays the print out tape used to keep track of votes throughout election day and also used to tally the votes after the polls close.

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CEC is dedicated to helping communities develop strategies to thrive through community-based entrepreneurship activities. The conference will highlight some of the best practices used throughout the country and encourage Michigan communities to develop their own plans.

"Michigan's struggling economy makes it more important than ever for communities to look for ways to attract entrepreneurs," explained Dave Ivan, Clinton County Extension director and economic development expert. "We need to do something different than we have in the past. The information presented at this conference includes proven strategies for adding vitality to communities."

The conference will include a welcome from MSU President Lou Anna K. Simon, a talk titled "Creating Today's

Entrepreneurial Community" by Erik Pages of Entrenworks Inc., a panel of experts to discuss best practice approaches and breakout sessions.

Ivan hopes to see teams of community leaders come to the conference, including elected officials, librarians, concerned community members, entrepreneurs, small-business owners, young people and anyone else who wants to improve the economic state of his or her community.

The first conference, held in 2006, attracted more than 225 community leaders from across the state and was sold out. This conference has been moved to a location that can accommodate a larger crowd.

The conference will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 19 at the Lansing Center in Lansing. The cost is \$119 per person or \$99 per person when a team of three or more comes from a community. Student registration is only \$59. Lunch is included. To get a complete list of speakers or to register, visit cecmi.msu.edu or call 989-224-5240.

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Volunteers plant cedar trees along Mason Tract corridor

River conservation groups have completed this year's northern white-cedar planting along the Mason Tract on the South Branch of the AuSable River.

The Anglers of the AuSable, Headwaters Chapter (Gaylord), together with the Mason-Griffith Founders Chapter of Trout Unlimited (Grayling), the Sierra Club, Spencer Redford's Eagle Scout Project, and the William B. Mershon Chapter (Saginaw) of Trout Unlimited, planted a total of 200 cedar seedlings this year to help begin the reforestation of native northern white-cedars. Over the last five years, over 1,000 seedlings have been planted and protected within the Mason Tract.

The Anglers of the AuSable group, headed by Jim Shiflett, planted 50 new seedlings in the high bank area, including Failing's Field. The Headwaters Chapter was supervised by Pete Middleton. They planted this year at both Canoe Harbor and Dogtown. Marvin Roberson led the group from the Sierra Club, planting at Daisy Bend. Roberson installed the first of many six-foot enclosures made to protect the maturing cedars. Scout Spencer Redford, of Grand Rapids, organized his Eagle Scout Project around the initiative and accomplished a northern white-cedar planting at Chase Bridge. The Mershon Chapter of Trout Unlimited planted 50 new cedar seedlings at Potter's Landing.

The Mason Tract Northern White-Cedar Restoration Project is a component of the "Cedars for the AuSable" project. This project, which is spearheaded by Howard N. Johnson and administered by the AuSable River Property Owners Association, is using an "adopt-a-bank-seg-



River conservation groups have completed this year's northern white-cedar planting along the Mason Tract on the South Branch of the AuSable River. Above, the project included installing six-foot enclosures to protect the maturing cedars along the river.

ment" approach to restore northern white-cedars to ecologically appropriate sections of the South Branch of the AuSable River within the boundaries of the Mason Tract.

A working partnership has been formed between Huron Pines and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Forest Management Unit to help begin

the reforestation of native northern white-cedars within the Mason Tract.

Volunteer river conservation groups have been assigned segments of the river by DNR Forest Management. The volunteer groups will plant and protect a minimum of 50 northern white-cedar seedlings each year, for five years, in their assigned segments. The DNR will determine

the exact planting location of each seedling. Huron Pines will maintain a schedule of required planting, maintenance and monitoring. The "Cedars for the AuSable" volunteers provide the cedar seedlings, all necessary wooden stakes and all fencing materials for the project.

Ronald Latuszek appointed Camp Grayling Post Commander

Lieutenant Colonel Ronald M. Latuszek, a Grayling native, has been selected as the Post Commander of Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center.

He has been promoted from the deputy commander position. The *Avalanche* was unable to contact Latuszek regarding his community policies, nor was he available to comment on his replacement as deputy commander.

Lieutenant Colonel Latuszek enlisted in the Army National Guard in March 1986. His career began in the simultaneous membership program with Eastern Michigan University and the Installation Support Unit (ISU) at Camp Grayling. Upon completion of the ROTC program, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Ordnance Corps in May 1988.

His first assignment was to the Installation Support Unit as a

range officer and later as a company commander of the 745th Ordnance Detachment (EOD). He again served from 1992 to 1995 as the range officer for Camp Grayling and also completed the Armor Officer Advance Course in 1994.

In 1995, he attended Advanced Training Management at Camp Robinson, Ark., and completed Combined Arms & Services Staff School. He then served as the Assistant S2/3, Support Battalion Headquarters, Camp Grayling, until 1997. During this period, he attended the U.S. Army NBC Defense Course and the U.S. Army Range Safety Course.

From 1997 to 2000, he again served as a range officer for Camp Grayling. In 2000, LTC Latuszek attended the Commander/ISG Course and became the Commander, HQ DET, Maneuver Training Center,

Camp Grayling.

He completed the Command and General Staff Officer Course in 2001, while commanding the HQ DET until 2002.

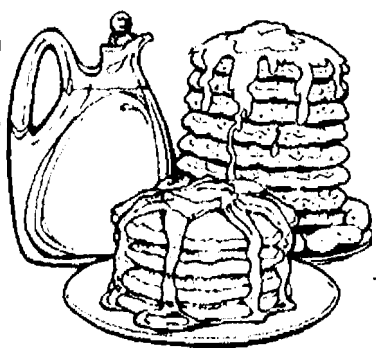
His next assignment was as the Operations & Training Officer at Camp Grayling from 2002 to 2003 and then he became the chief of the Plans & Training Division.

From 2006 to 2008, LTC Latuszek accepted a tour as the Bilateral Affairs Officer for the Republic of Latvia. Upon his return in March 2008, he was assigned as the Deputy Post Commander at Camp Grayling JMTTC. LTC Latuszek was officially assigned as the Post Commander of Camp Grayling on September 1, 2008.

He has two sons, Brad and Matt, and a granddaughter, Bella. LTC Latuszek and his wife Cathy currently reside in Grayling.

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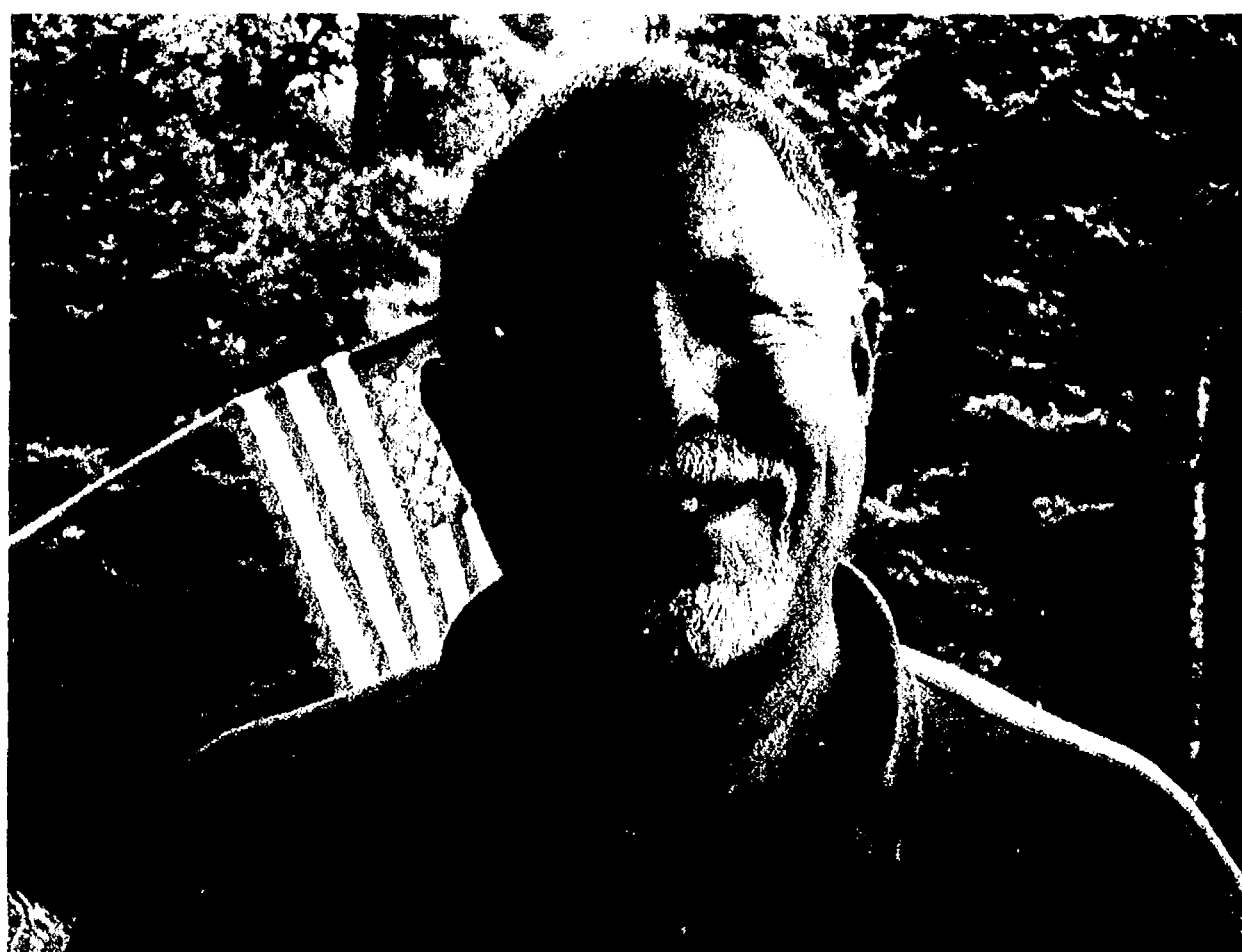
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The Grayling City Police are recommending that trick or treat take place in Grayling from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, October 31.

With witches, goblins and super-heroes descending on neighborhoods, the City of Grayling offers parents some safety tips to help prepare their children for a safe and enjoyable trick-or-treat holiday. Halloween should be filled with surprise and enjoyment, and following some common sense practices can keep events safer and more fun.

Walk, slither and sneak on sidewalks, not in the streets.

Look both ways before crossing the street to check for cars, trucks and low-flying brooms.

Cross the street only at corners.

Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.

Wear light-colored or reflective-type clothing so you are more visible (remember to put reflective

tape on bikes, skateboards and brooms, too!).

Plan your route and share it with your family. If possible, have an adult go with you.

Carry a flashlight to light your way.

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Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.

Use face paint rather than masks or things that will cover your eyes.

Be cautious of animals and strangers.

Have a grown-up inspect your treats before eating and don't eat candy if the package is already opened. Small, hard pieces of candy are a choking hazard for young children.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Seaman Apprentice Brandon T. McMahon, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, McMahon completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

The capstone event of boot camp is "Battle Stations." This

exercise gives recruits the skills and confidence they need to succeed in the fleet. "Battle Stations" is designed to galvanize the basic warrior attributes of sacrifice, dedication, teamwork and endurance in each recruit through the practical application of basic Navy skills and the core values of honor, courage and commitment. Its distinctly "Navy" flavor was designed to take into account what it means to be a sailor.

McMahon is a 2008 graduate of Grayling High School and the son of Kelly L. Leng of Grayling and Brian L. McMahon of Gaylord.

City recognized for keeping AuSable River pristine

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initiative to address stormwater before it impacts the AuSable River and its habitat should be highlighted.

"It's such a great trout stream, and because they have taken innovative ways and taken investment, they have protected the river for the future," Neumann said.

The construction for the stormwater project wrapped up this spring.

Thayer said city and Huron Pines officials will continue to encourage citizens and groups to maintain the raingardens through the ongoing adopt-a-rain garden program.

"It's really hard to get that continuity, but that's something that we will continue to strive toward," he said.

Although the impact of the project will be seen in the long

run, Thayer said the project has already paid big dividends based on the huge amount of debris removed from the vortechnic filtering units after heavy rainfall in June.

"Just by cleaning out the debris captured in the vortechnic units, we are keeping a tremendous amount of stuff out of the river," Thayer said.

Thayer said protecting natural resources goes hand-in-hand with the city's initiatives to address nuisance and blight issues. He said that the city hopes the focus will help draw more citizens and businesses to come to the community.

"This is what we want to be known for and this is a branding of Grayling," he said. "If we continue working toward these things and these efforts, that growth that we are looking for will happen."

Grayling gearing up for the holidays

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specials to commemorate the event. There will also be trolley rides, wagon rides and festival trees on display at the Grayling Mini-Mall.

The variety of activities is an indication of how much the event has grown in popularity since its inception.

"Now it's a much bigger community event," said Greer.

Certain activities are still in the early planning stages. There is a possibility that a free Christmas movie will be offered at the Rialto.

If all goes according to plan, the city streets will be lit by a special holiday glow. The DDA plans to have holiday lights and

decorations in place throughout Grayling by the night of the Christmas Walk.

"When you see the lights ... it just makes you more excited for the season," said DDA Christmas Light Committee member Michele Steffey.

The DDA decorates according to a different holiday theme each year. This year's candy cane theme was inspired by a similar decorating scheme that was recently used in Cadillac.

"It just looked really festive," said Steffey.

Red and white candy cane lights will be professionally installed throughout town. There will also be special decorations in the city park and in front of the crime lab, including a "fly fishing Santa."

The DDA is still in the process of gathering funds for the project. "We're not too far off, but we're still a little ways from our goal," said Steffey.

Steffey encourages local business owners to decorate in accordance with the theme.

"Just throw in red and white candy canes when you can," said Steffey.

She said that taking the steps to decorate Grayling for the holidays is well worth the effort.

"It just makes you proud of the community," said Steffey.

Ultimately, community is what events like the Christmas Walk are all about.

"You see so many people," said Greer. "How often do you get almost 1,000 people downtown walking around?"

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After the thorough investigation by the state police, the matter was reviewed by the Kalkaska County Prosecutor. Mr. Donnelly wrote me stating (excerpt from letter) he found "no evidence of any wrongdoing by you or the other members of the Bear Lake Township Board."

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Sincerely,
William Jackson
Bear Lake Township Supervisor

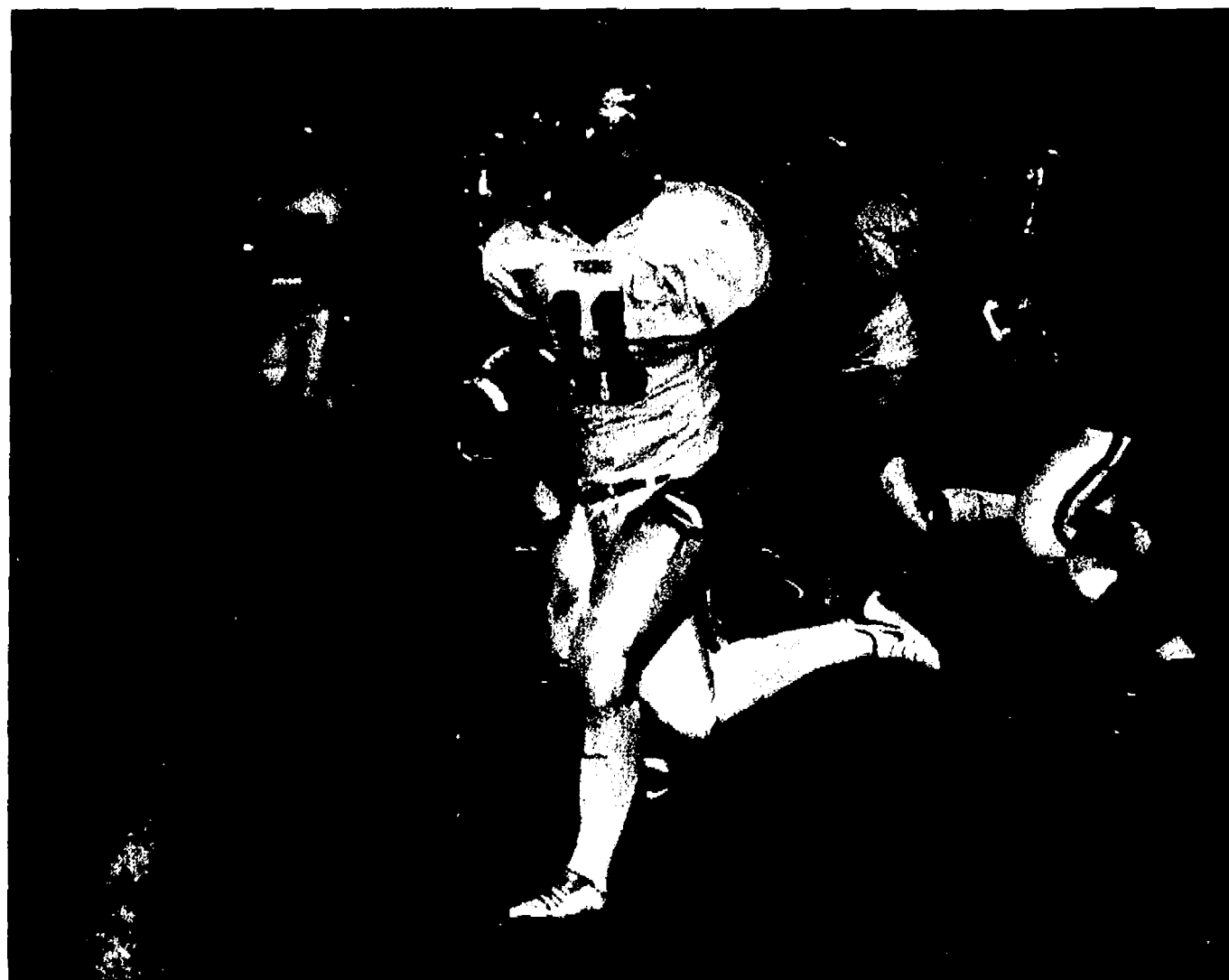
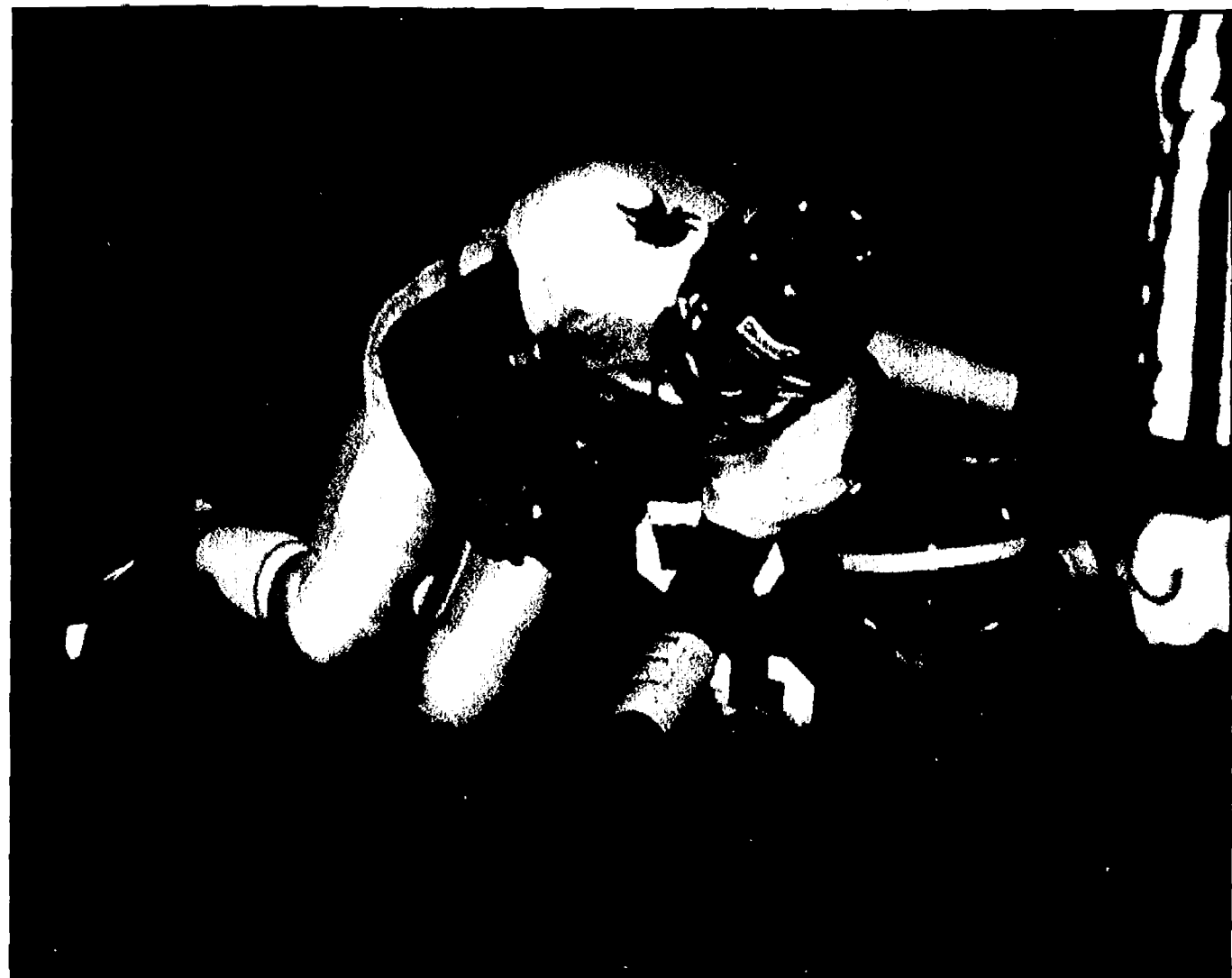
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Quarterback Jimmy Osga, left, is knocked out of bounds into one of the down markers during a play on Friday night at Boyne City. Geo Bindschatel, right, returns a kickoff for the Vikings on Friday.

Playoff hopes end with 52-42 loss at Boyne City

Vikings finish 2008 season with a 5-4 record

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling's playoff hopes for football ended with a 52-42 loss at Boyne City on Friday night.

The Vikings led 24-8 early, trailed 33-24 at halftime, and trailed by three points with 4:36 left in the fourth quarter. Grayling's final drive ended with a turnover on downs, and Boyne City tacked on a late touchdown to seal the win.

Quarterback Jimmy Osga broke Michigan's state record for passing attempts in a game (74) on Friday night. Osga finished the contest with 507 passing yards — second in state history

for single game passing yardage — and five TDs (three passing, two rushing). He completed 40 of 74 pass attempts. The state record for completions in a game is 41, which Osga tied two weeks ago vs. Traverse City St. Francis.

Three Vikings topped the 100-yard mark for receiving vs. Boyne City. Tyler Steffey had 149 yards on four catches with one TD. Cody Myers caught 10 passes for 147 yards and one TD. Spencer Dean had 11 receptions for 115 yards. Tyler Hanson added seven catches for 49 yards. Eric Ferrigan caught eight passes for 47 yards and one TD.

"We all truly believed that we could have and should have won the game Friday night. It did not happen and we will make no excuses. I should have done more as a coach. This loss is on

me," Coach Ben Brock said. "Our seniors gave all they had and we came up short. Boyne played tough and did enough to win the game. We knew what was coming and we could not stop them. They knew that we were going to pass, and they could not stop us. Forty-two points normally will win a game."

"Offensively, we did our thing and Jimmy Osga passed for a new school record (of) 507 yards on the night. He had three touchdown passes and two rushing touchdowns and gave everything he had. Tyler Steffey caught a 94-yard touchdown pass, breaking Eli VanNuck's previous (school) record of 90 yards from 2004," Coach Brock said.

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Cody Myers catches a low pass for the Vikings during Friday night's game at Boyne City.

JV Vikings stop late 2-point conversion, win 20-18

Grayling defeats 8-0 Boyne City to end 2008 season

by Caleb Casey
Senior Staff Writer

Grayling High School's junior varsity football team finished its 2008 season last Thursday with a 20-18 victory over the Boyne City Ramblers — a squad that went into the contest with an 8-0 overall record — in a game played at Viking Stadium.

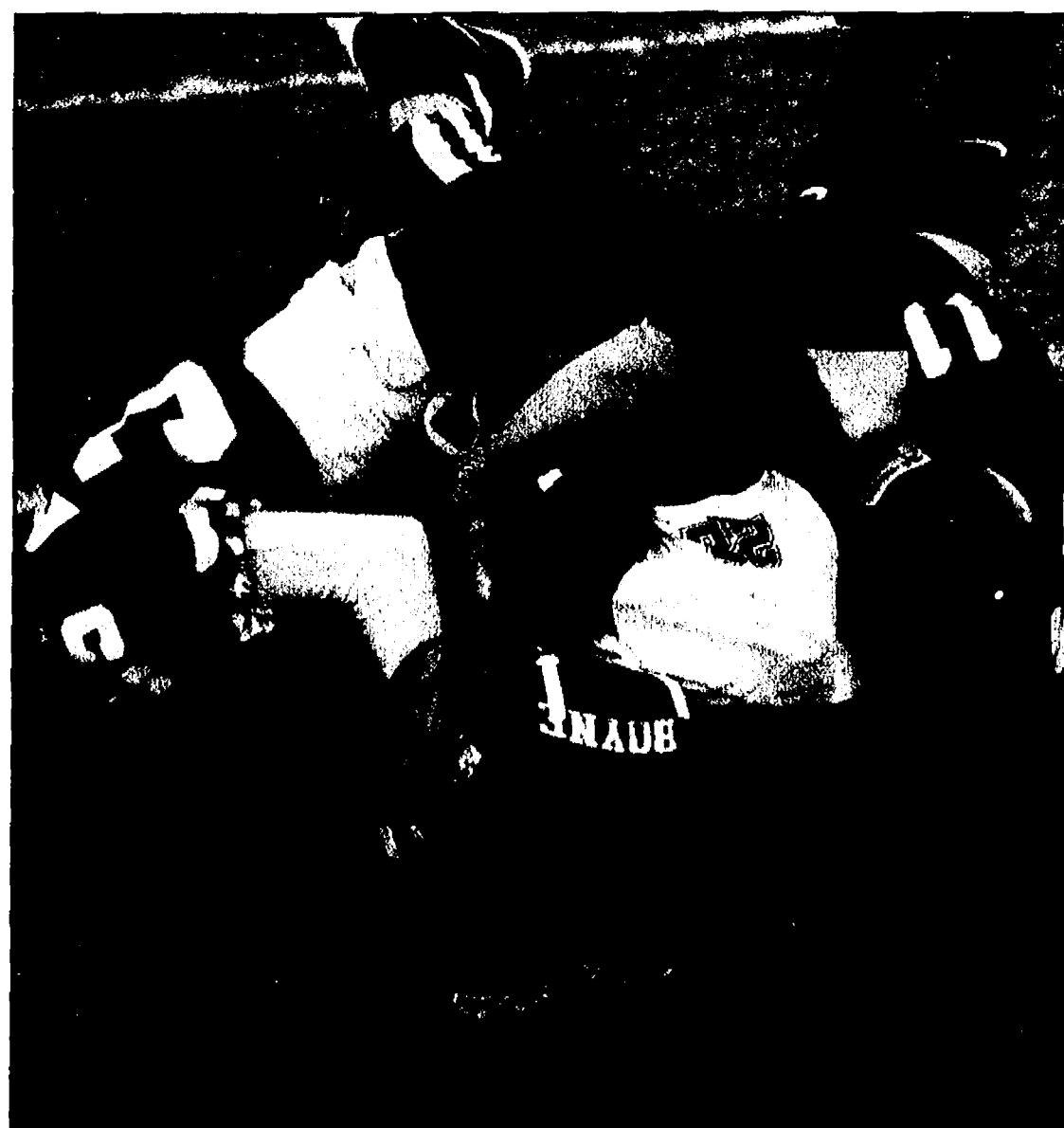
The contest included a 99-yard touchdown drive by the Vikings, an 84-yard TD pass by Grayling in the fourth quarter, and a critical defensive stop on a last-second two-point conversion attempt by the Ramblers.

On the fifth possession of the game — the third for Boyne City — Grayling blocked a punt attempt by the Ramblers and Craig Collen recovered the loose ball for the Vikings, giving Grayling the ball nine yards from the goal line. On 2nd and goal, quarterback Zane Tobin passed to running back David

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Quarterback Zane Tobin looks for an open receiver during Thursday's game against the Boyne City Ramblers.



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Tyler Brigham, left, and Devon Dawson, right, team up for a tackle vs. Boyne City on Thursday night.

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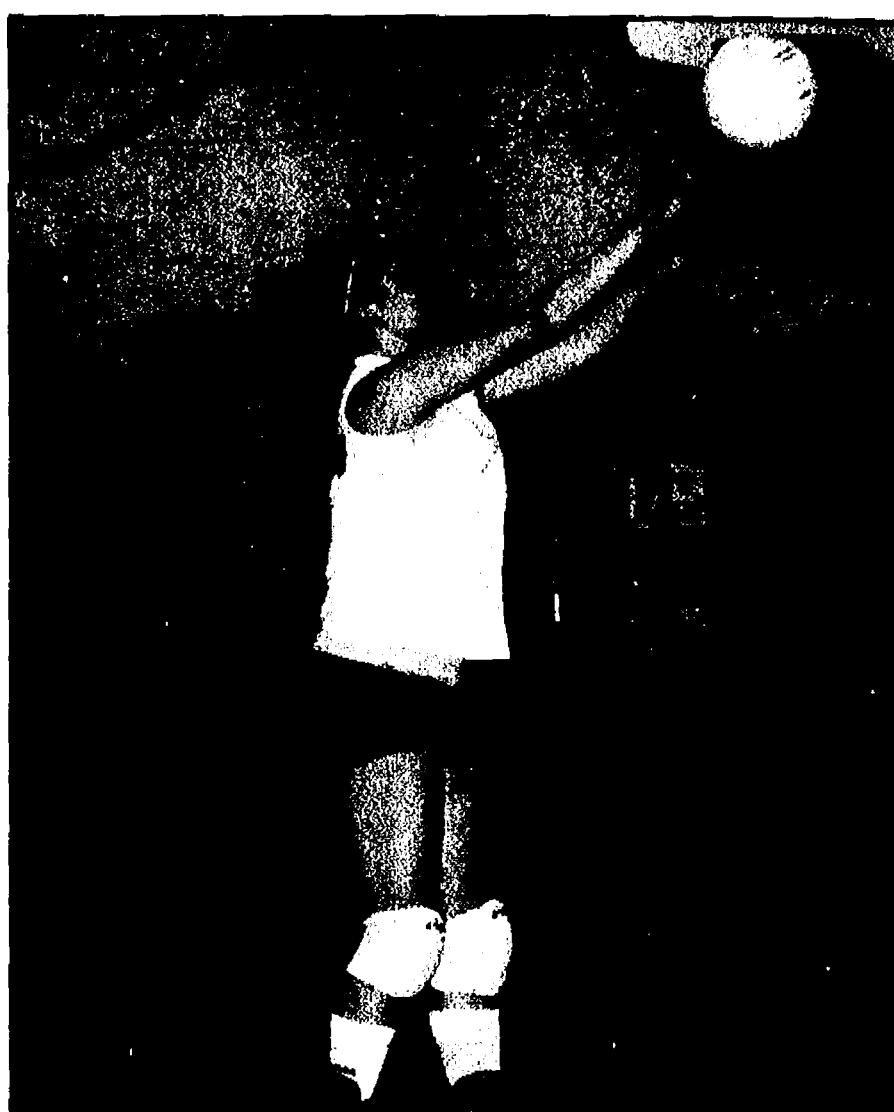
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Sierra Williamson, left, and Josie Swander, right, hit the ball for Grayling's varsity volleyball team during a meet vs. Kalkaska last Tuesday.

Volleyball teams fall to Blazers at Kalkaska

Vikings split with Gaylord at Boyne City Tournament

Grayling High School's varsity girls volleyball team lost a best-of-five league series at Kalkaska last Tuesday.

The Blazers defeated the visiting Vikings 3-0, with scores of 25-20, 25-23, and 25-23 in three close games.

Arica Rockhold led Grayling in both kills (6) and aces (3). Joni Bindschatel had 15 digs and Suzanne Hause had 14 digs.

Josie Swander had nine assists.

In the JV series, Kalkaska won 25-19, 25-18 in the first two games. Grayling won game three 15-11. The Blazers won the series 2-1.

On Saturday, the varsity squad competed against four different teams at the Boyne City Tournament.

Grayling split with Gaylord, winning 25-24 and losing 25-20. The Vikings fell to Boyne City (25-18, 25-17), Harbor Light Christian (25-17, 25-12), and Traverse City St. Francis (25-19, 25-23).

Hause led Grayling with 11 kills and seven digs. Bindschatel had 10 digs and was named to the all-tournament squad. Savannah Foguth had 18 assists and five aces for the Vikings.

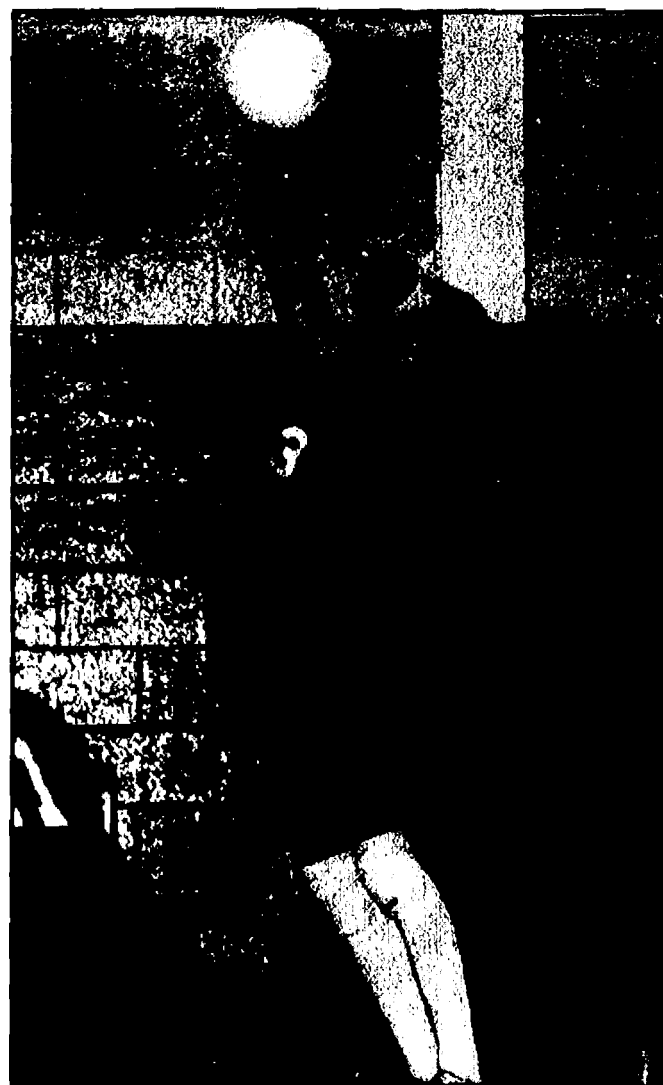
"The win against Gaylord was a small, short-term goal. We are so close in every game we play, we are just lacking the confidence to finish games," Coach Jessica Szymoniak said. "They let their opponents back in too many times and struggle with fighting back to win. Although winning was something we lacked this year, our program

has made huge improvements from years past. They are within five points of every team in our conference every time. They have a better understanding of the game and they get better every time they enter the floor. They are a young team, learning from their mistakes and getting stronger mentally every time they play."

The Vikings will play in the District 63-B tournament during the first week of November. The Vikings will play against the Petoskey Northmen at Petoskey on Thursday, Nov. 6, at 6 p.m.



Chynna Williamson, left, and Grace Calkins, right, hit shots near the net during Tuesday night's varsity league series at Kalkaska High School.



Carlie Money, left, and Olivia Peters, right, hit the ball for Grayling's JV squad during last week's meet at Kalkaska.

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Playoff hopes end with 52-42 loss at Boyne City

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On defense, Grayling's leading tacklers included: Geo Bindschatel (12), Dean (12), Matt Haight (10), Zach Wolcott (9), and Jake Aubry (9). Haight had one sack and Bindschatel recovered a fumble.

"Seniors Geo Bindschatel, Spencer Dean, and Matt Haight did all they could on defense as they all recorded double digit tackles vs. Boyne City. Coach (Tim) Sanchez had a great scheme, but we were too easily blocked," Coach Brock said.

Friday night's game at Boyne City - pitting the 7-1 Ramblers vs. the 5-3 Vikings - was played primarily during light, steady rain. The contest featured a strong aerial attack by Grayling and a potent ground game by Boyne City.

The Vikings received the game's opening kickoff. Grayling drove from its 37-yard line to the 1-yard line of Boyne City. The series ended with an incomplete pass on 4th and goal.

Boyne City fumbled on 3rd and 4 and Grayling recovered the loose ball 38 yards from the goal line. Two passes from Osga to Dean picked up 29 yards. On 4th and goal at the 1-yard line, Osga scored a TD on a QB sneak. Osga threw to Myers for the two-point conversion.

On 3rd and 3, Boyne City's quarterback broke free for a 53-yard TD run. The Ramblers ran the ball into the end zone for the two-point conversion, tying the score at 8-8.

Bindschatel returned the kickoff to the 45-yard line, but a penalty moved Grayling back to its 20-yard line. On 1st and 24, following a holding penalty on the previous play, Osga threw deep to Steffey for a 94-yard TD - the longest passing TD in Grayling High School history. Steffey caught the two-point conversion pass, and GHS led 16-8.

Boyne City punted on 4th and 5, giving Grayling the ball at its 21-yard line. The Vikings drove 79 yards on eight plays and finished the series with a four-yard TD run by Osga on 1st and goal. The drive also included a 16-yard pass to Steffey, a 14-yard pass to Myers, a 20-yard pass to Steffey, and a 10-yard run by Osga. Ferrigan caught the two-point conversion pass. Grayling led 24-8 with 39 seconds left in the first period.

On the first play of the next possession, Boyne City ran for a 63-yard TD. The two-point conversion attempt failed. Grayling led 24-14.

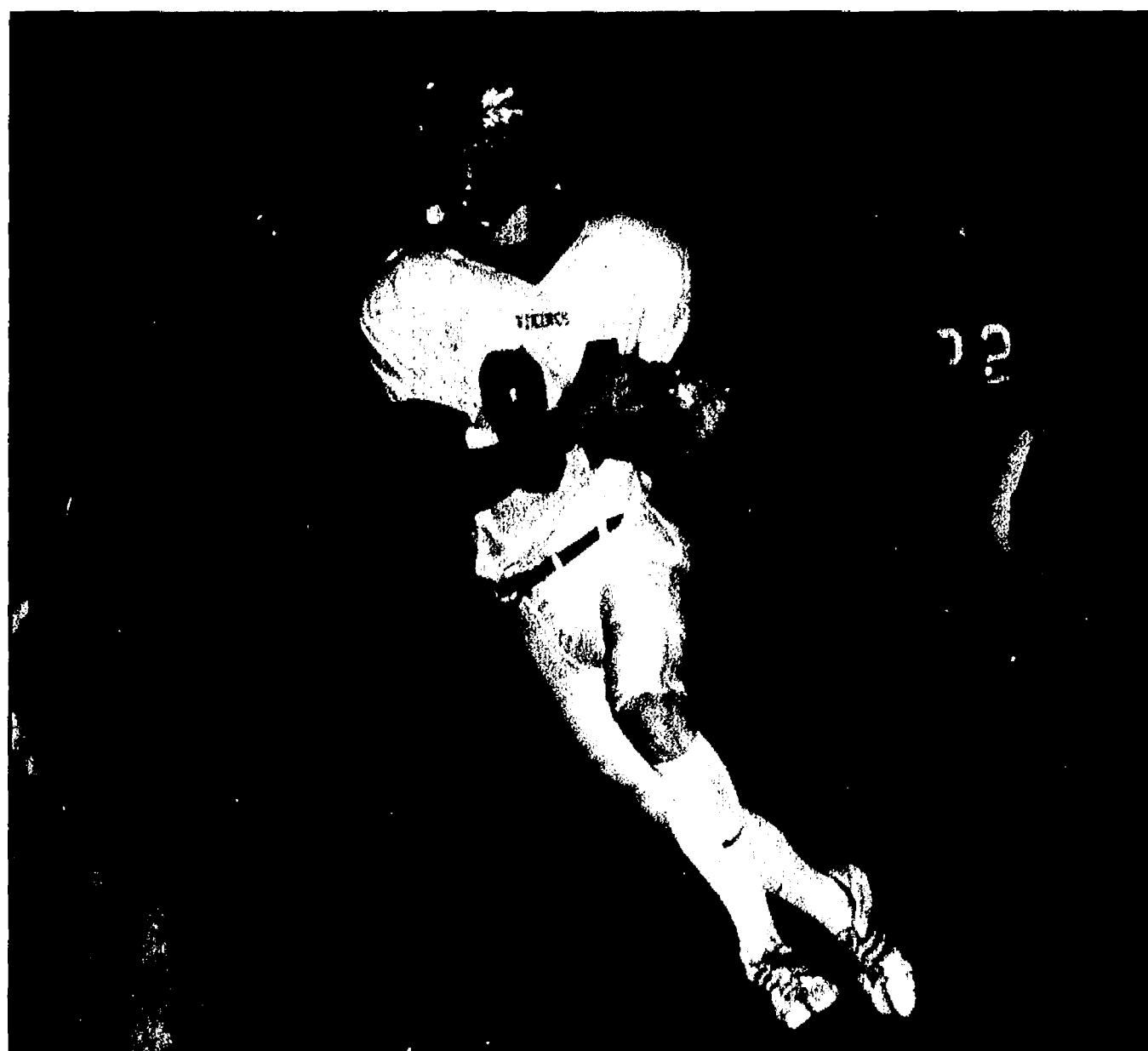
Boyne City intercepted a Grayling pass on 2nd and 4. The Ramblers drove 58 yards on six plays and finished the possession with a 1-yard TD run on 3rd and goal. The two-point conversion attempt failed.

On the third play of Grayling's next drive, Boyne City came up with another interception, which gave the Ramblers the ball nine yards from the goal line. Haight sacked the QB on 3rd and goal, bringing up 4th and goal at the 13-yard line. With an incomplete pass on fourth down, Boyne City surrendered the ball on downs.

Grayling punted on 4th and 10 and Boyne City drove 70 yards on nine plays, finishing the series with an eight-yard TD pass. Grayling stopped the two-point conversion attempt. Boyne City led 26-24 with 2:13 left in the first half.

The Vikings punted on 4th and 6, pinning Boyne City at its 12-yard line.

On the second play of the series, the Ramblers broke free for an 83-yard touchdown run.



Tyler Steffey runs with the ball after catching a pass during Friday night's season finale at Boyne City.

Boyne City kicked the extra point.

At halftime, Boyne City led 33-24.

The Ramblers recovered Grayling's on-side kick attempt to start the second half. On 4th and 1, Boyne City went for it and came up short. Grayling took over on downs at its 45-yard line. On 4th and 25, Boyne City blocked a Grayling punt and recovered the ball 40 yards from the goal line.

The Ramblers completed a pass for a gain of 25 yards on first down. On the next play, Boyne City ran the ball into the end zone for a TD. The conversion attempt failed. Boyne City led 39-24.

Grayling responded with a six-play, 60-yard scoring drive. A pass to Hanson gained 20 yards. Osga passed to Myers for a gain of 37 yards. On 2nd and goal, Osga completed a one-yard TD pass to Ferrigan. The two-point conversion pass fell incomplete. Boyne City led 39-30 with 8:04 left in the third period.

On 3rd and 18, Myers intercepted a Boyne City pass. On 3rd and 2, the Ramblers intercepted a pass attempt by Grayling. The series ended with a punt on 4th and 4.

Grayling started at the 50-yard line. The drive ended with an incomplete pass on 4th and 18 - the 10th play of the series.

Boyne City punted on 4th and 9. Grayling nearly blocked the kick, and the punt didn't go far. The Vikings started 45 yards from the goal line.

Osga passed to Dean for 13 yards on first down. Passes to Myers and Ferrigan picked up another first down. Osga passed to Dean for a nine-yard gain on 2nd and 7. On 1st and goal, Hanson scored a TD on a four-yard run. The two-point conversion attempt failed. Boyne City led 39-36 with 10:15 left in the fourth quarter.

Grayling tried an on-side kick and Boyne City recovered it. On 3rd and 23, a roughing the passer infraction - Grayling's third such penalty of the contest - gave Boyne City a first down. Three plays later, on 3rd and 20, the Ramblers threw deep for a 65-yard TD pass. Grayling blocked the extra point kick. Boyne City led 45-36 with 6:02 remaining.

Grayling answered with a nine-play, 70-yard scoring drive. Osga threw to Dean for a 12-yard

gain. A shovel pass to Hanson gained 13 yards. Passes to Myers and Dean picked up another first down. On 2nd and 6, Osga threw to Myers for a 25-yard TD. Grayling trailed 45-42 with 4:36 left in the contest.

Boyne City recovered Grayling's on-side kick at the 50-yard line. On 3rd and 9, Mike Davis sacked Boyne City's quarterback for a six-yard loss. The Ramblers punted on 4th and 15, giving Grayling the ball at its 35-yard line with 2:46 remaining.

On 4th and 13, a dropped pass ended Grayling's final drive of the 2008 season.

Boyne City took over at Grayling's 20-yard line. On 3rd and 8, Boyne City added to its lead with an 18-yard TD run. The Ramblers kicked the extra point to take a 10-point lead with 43 seconds remaining in the fourth period.

Grayling fumbled on the kickoff return and Boyne City recovered the ball. The Ramblers killed the final 34 seconds, and Boyne City won by a final score of 52-42.

The Ramblers finished the regular season with an 8-1 record. Grayling finished at 5-4.

"Jimmy Osga finished his career breaking all of our school records for passing. In the state of Michigan, he now holds the record for completions in a game (41) and attempts in a game (74), as well as completions in a season (234) and attempts in a season (438). His 507 yards passing vs. Boyne rank him second all-time in state history. Jimmy's six touchdown passes vs. Kalkaska rank him second in state history as well. His 3,146 yards passing

in a season rank him fourth all-time. Jimmy finished the season averaging 350 passing yards per game and almost four touchdowns per game through the air," Coach Brock said.

"These guys overcame a lot of adversity this season. We had both of our big-play receivers - Spencer Dean and Eric Ferrigan - go down with injuries. It would have been easy for these guys to quit but they did not. We played tough against our top three opponents and had chances to win each game. These seniors have a lot of character and we were very lucky to be able to coach them. (Coach Sanchez) and I have a lot to be thankful for during the past six seasons in Grayling. Every player that we have been able to coach has given everything that they had for us. That shows a lot about the character and work ethic of these young men and their parents," Coach Brock said.

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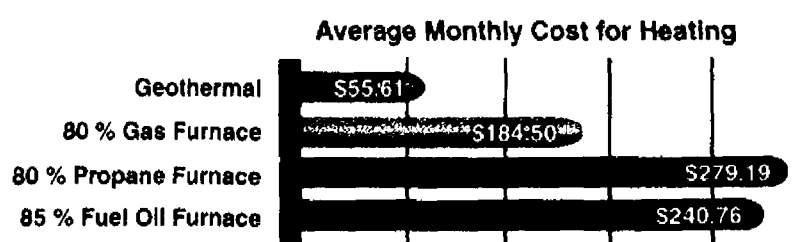
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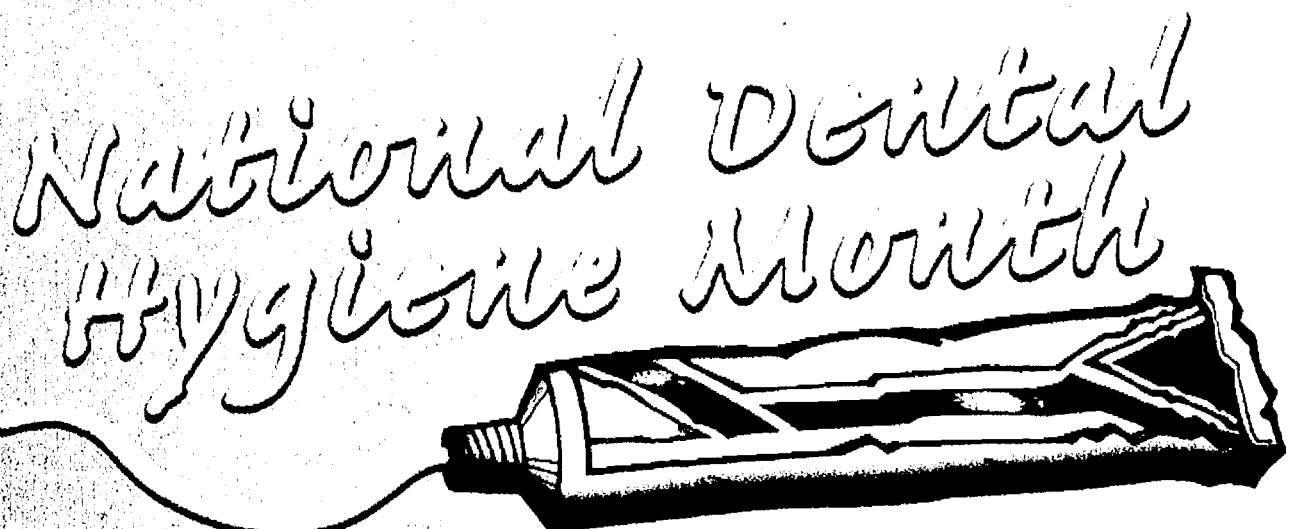
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LEGAL ACTION

UNOFFICIAL SYNOPSIS OF CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING PROCEEDINGS Held on October 13, 2008

Mayor Akers called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with a quorum present.

Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda.

The City Manager gave his report and updated the City Council on several different issues. Highlighted subjects were the award from the National Rural Water Association, the plaque from Keep Michigan Beautiful Inc., results of the hearing on October 6th between the City of Grayling and Grayling Township with regards to the Fire Department, the City Manager evaluation, projects and goals, and the ORV Committee.

Approval to retain the management services of Utility Services Company, Inc for repainting the water tower.

Review of Reports.

Mayor Akers adjourned the meeting at 8:26 PM.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

Agendas can be found on our Web site:
www.cityofgrayling.org

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 08-7503-DE
Estate of Gloria June Post, deceased
Date of birth: 7-2-25

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Gloria June Post, who lived at 607 Michigan Ave. Grayling, Michigan died 6-4-08.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Gayle J. McClain, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan, Grayling, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

10-22-08
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Cheryl A. Doly P44762
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Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
(248) 593-5710

Personal representative
Gayle J. McClain
401 Lake St.
Grayling, MI 49738
(989) 348-6400

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

Cause No. 08-7573-CH

HOCKEY

The Northern Avalanche Squirt AA hockey team recently won the annual Fall Colors Tournament, an event held in Traverse City on Oct. 17-19. The Avalanche defeated the

home team - the Bayshore Bruins - 4-1 in the squad's first game of the tournament. The team posted a 9-2 win vs. the Grand Valley Stars. The Avalanche defeated the

Marquette Sentinels 5-4.

In the semifinals, the Avalanche beat Bayshore 6-1.

In the championship game, the Avalanche defeated Marquette 3-2.

The Avalanche includes players from Grayling, Gaylord, Cheboygan, Petoskey, and Sault Ste. Marie. The squad's coach is Craig Gilling.



The Northern Avalanche Squirt AA team celebrates its first place finish at the Fall Colors Tournament in Traverse City. Pictured: (front, L to R) Shea Ross, Ryan Sanderson; (second row, L to R) Jack Ryan, Jack Gorno, Andy Farlow, Thomas Barnes, Cole Williams, Landon Hubbard; (back row, L to R) Tristan Smith, Gage Andrews, Nick Gadowski, Casey Gilling, Cam Wilder, CJ Schmitgal, Ryan Dorey.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation League

Robin L. Smith CPA ... 21 - 11
GMH-NCC ... 19 - 13
Glen's Market ... 19 - 13
Grayling Nursing ... 17 - 15
T NT Charter ... 16 - 16
American Legion ... 13 - 19
Days Inn ... 13 - 19
Woody Girls ... 10 - 22
High Series: L. Hanson, 533; A. D'Amour, 507; K. Wheeler, 498.
High Game: A. D'Amour, 193; L. Hanson, 192; K. Wheeler, 185.

Senior Bowling

Sylvester's Sports ... 19 - 13
Gaylord Electric ... 18 - 14
Dana Transport ... 17 - 15
Flowers By Josie ... 16 - 16
Kicking Grass ... 15 - 17
Lone Pine ... 15 - 17
Spike's ... 15 - 17
Bear's Den Pizza ... 13 - 19
High Series Women: J. Williamson, 508; C. Clark, 501; N. Glasslee, 450. High Game Women: J. Williamson, 193; N. Glasslee, 179; C. Clark, 175.

High Series Men: P. Faustman, 556; B. Hollis, 543; B. Holton, 536. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 208; B. Hollis, 194; J. Rasmussen, 188.

Friday Mixed Doubles

GGs Double Trouble 37.5 - 18.5
McDonald's ... 33 - 23
Fred's of Roscommon ... 32 - 24
Canadian Steak n' Fish ... 30 - 26
Miller Spillers ... 28 - 28
Last Call ... 23 - 33
American Legion ... 21.5 - 34.5
L & L Hauling ... 19 - 37

High Series Men: D. Wallace, 609; S. Pittman, 606; P. Lewis, 574. High Game Men: S. Pittman, 244; D. Wallace, 238. P. Benardo, 213. High Series Women: S. Johnson, 583; K. Moshier, 495; J. Williamson, 492. High Game Women: S. Johnson, 227; J. Williamson, 202; K. Moshier, 190.

Pioneer League

Grayling Rest ... 23 - 5
Ole Dam Party Store ... 17 - 11
5 B's ... 16 - 12

T.C. Lawncare ... 16 - 12
Eagles Nest Sports ... 14 - 14
American Legion ... 11 - 17
Tim's Collision ... 8 - 20
Ball Busters ... 7 - 21
High Series: B. LaMotte, 562; T. Rock, 548; D. Argue, 518. High Game: B. LaMotte, 223; T. Rock, 204; T. Hellebuyck, 199.

National First

GADCO ... 33 - 16
Continental Rental ... 31 - 18
Pittman Bld. ... 23 - 27
Hagerman Const. ... 22 - 26
Primary Electric ... 18 - 31
High Series: C. Brill, 625; R. Tinker, 590; D. Henning, 563.
High Game: R. Tinker, 246; C. Brill and D. Henning, 222.

Thursday Morning Coffee

Casino Bums ... 17 - 7
Bill's Harem ... 14 - 10
Misfits ... 13 - 11
Snow Tops ... 12 - 12
Rosebuds ... 12 - 12
Three Amigos ... 10 - 14
Pin Slayers ... 10 - 14
Ladybugs ... 8 - 16

High Series Men: P. Faustman, 501; B. Holton, 493; B. Hollis, 486. High Game Men: P. Faustman, 192; B. Hollis, 171; B. Holton, 168. High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 483; R. Brown, 471; C. Clark, 460. High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 175; R. Brown, 169; I. Cosgray, 162.

Sunday Mixed Doubles

Hard Balls ... 34 - 15
Team Shocker ... 27 - 22
Growlers ... 26 - 23
Salon Rue ... 25 - 24
Spike's #2 ... 23 - 26
AJD ... 22 - 27
Spike's #1 ... 20 - 29
Gray Rock Cafe ... 15 - 34
High Series Men: J. Thayer, 591; L. Ostrowski, 559; N. Mead, 516. High Game Men: J. Thayer, 210; L. Ostrowski, 197; N. Mead, 189. High Series Women: N. Glasslee, 481; L. Mead, 452; H. Indorff, 431. High Game Women: N. Glasslee, 180; L. Mead, 160; C. SanCartier, 153.

MICHAEL S. TOBIAS

Plaintiff,
v.
BRADLEY PRUITT AND KELLY DUTY,
Defendants.

Michael T. Edwards (P54834)
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(989) 731-5782 fax

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE ON FORECLOSURE OF MORTGAGE

Please take notice that a judicial foreclosure sale will take place on the 12th day of November 2008. This public sale shall take place at the Crawford County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m. The property subject to this sale is described as being situated in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County and State of Michigan:

Lot 129, Twin Peaks No. 1, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, pages 35, Crawford County Records.

This sale is taking place pursuant to an order dated July 21st, 2008 signed by the Circuit Court Judge, Janet Allen.
-2-9-16-23-30-6

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

FORECLOSURE NOTICE This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE -

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Daniel M Logan and Joannie M Logan, Husband and Wife as Joint Tenants to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Rescue Mortgage Inc., Mortgagee, dated March 3, 2005 and recorded March 10, 2005 in Liber 674 Page 151 Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: HSBC Mortgage Services Inc., by assignment dated August 22, 2008 and recorded August 28, 2008 in Liber 692, Page 842, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Four Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and Thirty-Two Cents (\$152,423.32) including interest 8.1% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on November 26, 2008 Said premises are situated in Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 8; Part of the Southeast one quarter of the Northeast one quarter of section 19, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan described as beginning at a point located distant north 88 degrees 36 minutes west, along the east and west one quarter line of said section 19 a distance of 1308.07 feet and north 00 degrees 27 minutes 43 seconds east, 330.00 feet from the east one quarter corner of said section 19, thence continuing north 00 degrees 27 minutes 43 seconds east, 250.00 feet thence south 88 degrees 28 minutes 30 seconds east,

566.02 feet, thence south 08 degrees 07 minutes west, 90.88 feet, thence south 16 degrees 53 minutes west 164.48 feet, thence north 88 degrees 36 minutes west, 507.39 feet to the point of beginning. Along with and subject to a 66 foot easement for ingress and egress and public utilities. Centerline of said easement described as beginning at a point on the east line of said section 19 located north 00 degrees 21 minutes 20 seconds east, 407.05 feet from the east one quarter corner of said section 19, thence north 51 degrees 00 minutes west, 186.75 feet, thence north 83 degrees 37 minutes west, 125.0 feet, thence north 72 degrees 22 minutes west, 136.66 feet, thence south 53 degrees 49 minutes west, 97.0 feet, thence north 87 degrees 28 minutes west, 256.68 feet, thence north 08 degrees 07 minutes east, 181.20 feet, thence north 33 degrees 59 minutes east, 377.93 feet, thence north 53 degrees 59 minutes east,

389.43 feet, thence south 52 degrees 45 minutes east, 257.24 feet to the point of ending on the east line of said section 19. Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan. Commonly known as 5144 Aaron Rd, Frederic MI 49733 The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: OCTOBER 17, 2008 HSBC Mortgage Services Inc. Assignee of Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 08-99976 ASAP# 2905427 10/23/2008, 10/30/2008, 11/06/2008, 11/13/2008
-23-30-6-13

BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF ADOPTION OF TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE #35

To: The residents and property owners of Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan. PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a new Amended and Restated Load Limit Ordinance has been adopted on October 13, 2008 by the Township Board, effective 30 days following publication. The Ordinance regulates weight limits on trucks and commercial vehicles using certain township roads as authorized by Michigan law and having appropriate signs; to provide for exceptions to the weight limits for certain vehicles and in certain instances upon the owner obtaining a permit and furnishing a bond; to provide penalties for violation thereof; to allow the insurance of Appearance Tickets for violations and to amend or repeal all ordinances in conflict therewith, including Ordinance #19. A copy of the Ordinance may be obtained or inspected at the Beaver Creek Township Offices, 8888 S. Grayling Road, Grayling, MI 49738 during regular business hours or 989-275-8878. Dated: 10/13/2008
Sharon K. Hartman
Beaver Creek Township Clerk

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LEGAL ACTION

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Mark A. Binert and Andrea G. Binert, husband and wife, to CitiMortgage, Inc. successor by merger with CitiFinancial Mortgage Company Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 9, 2000 and recorded December 6, 2000 in Liber 524, Page 359, Crawford County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Eight and 77/100 Dollars (\$71,328.77) including interest at 12.41% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 3, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot Number 39, Riverside Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1, Pages 61 and 62, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: October 30, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400 File No. 201.3614
-30-6-13-20

MORTGAGE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Merle S. Spearman, to Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 10, 1999 and recorded August 24, 1999 in Liber 489, Page 117, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by The Bank of New York, as trustee for the holders of the EOC Asset Backed Certificates, Series 2001-1F by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Nine and 65/100 Dollars (\$63,289.65) including interest at 11.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on DECEMBER 3, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of Maple Forest, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point South 42 degrees 15 minutes West, 456.8 feet from the intersection of the North line of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 6, Town 28 North, Range 3 West, and the Easterly right-of-way of U.S. 27, thence South 51 degrees 18 minutes East, 184.2 feet to the Westerly shore of Horse Shoe Lake, thence Southerly along said Westerly shore 112.2 feet, thence South 81 degrees 30 minutes West 385.8 feet thence North 42 degrees 15 minutes East 370.2 feet to the place of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: October 30, 2008
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
248-502-1400 File No. 231.7314
-30-6-13-20

MORTGAGE SALE

AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Williams Tipton, a single man, Mortgagee, to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated the 8th day of March, 2002 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 21st day of March, 2002 in Liber 574 of Crawford County Records, page 122, said Mortgage having been assigned to Washington Mutual Bank on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of One Hundred Twenty One Thousand Four Hundred Nine and 83/100 (\$121,409.83), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 12th day of November, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public

auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 8.00% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the Township of Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Lots numbered 714 and 715, Indian Glens of the Assable No. 6, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1-14, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 10/9/2008
Washington Mutual Bank
Mortgagee
FABRIZIO & BROOK, P.C.
Attorney for Washington Mutual Bank
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800
Troy, MI 48064
248-362-2600
-9-16-23-30

MORTGAGE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by Sandra Trux, single woman, to First National Bank of America, dated July 26, 2005 and recorded August 1, 2005 in Liber 676, page 451, Crawford County records. The mortgage holder has begun no proceedings to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$45,836.54.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a public sale of the property on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at front door of Crawford County Courthouse, Grayling, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 10 per cent, foreclosure costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgage holder pays before the sale.

The property is located in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as: Parcel 1: Beginning at a point which is 492 feet East and 330 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence East 298 feet to the right-of-way of the County Road; thence Northeasterly along said right-of-way 186.2 feet; thence West 385 feet; thence South 165 feet to the Point of Beginning. Being a part of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 17, Town 26 North, Range 2 West. Also a 1987 Stoneridge Mobile Home, Serial #TNFLH2700601SR.

The redemption period will be 6 months from the date of sale; but if the property is abandoned, the redemption period shall be one month from the date of sale.

Date: September 29, 2008

Joseph B. Backus, attorney for mortgage holder
P.O. Box 794
East Lansing, MI 48826
517-337-1617
-9-16-23-30

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by John Chumack, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated November 18, 2005, and recorded on December 9, 2005 in Liber 678 on Page 909, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Two Thousand Eight Hundred Forty-Nine And 54/100 Dollars (\$82,849.54), including interest at 9.77% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 3, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6, and the Northwesterly 20 feet Lot 5, Block 8, Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 30, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC J 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #227703F01
-30-6-13-20

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

LIKENS & BLOMQUIST, P.L.L.C., IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Howard Ervin, married, and Nola Ervin a/k/a Nola A. Ervin, married, Mortgagee(s), to Fifth Third Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 2, 2005, and recorded on September 8, 2005, in Liber 677, Page 348, in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan, on said mortgage there is \$37,595.91 due at the date of this notice. There is no suit proceeding at law or in equity to collect the sums due under the Mortgage described above.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the above-described Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at 10AM, at the front door to the County Bldg in Grayling, MI, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder at public venue, in order to satisfy the unpaid portion of said Mortgage, together with interest at a rate of 13.49%, all costs of sale permitted by law, and taxes, the property situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, described as:

Commencing 66 feet South of the Southwest corner of Lot 7, Block 2, Hadley's Third Addition to the City of Grayling; thence South 80.6 feet; thence North 46 Degrees 18.5 Minutes West, 167.3 feet; thence East approximately 97 feet to the place of beginning. Being a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 26 North, Range 3 West. Together with an easement for ingress and egress over a strip of land 66.0 feet in width, adjoining the within premises on the North side thereof.

All rights of redemption shall expire six (6) months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned as defined by MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

Dated: Thursday, October 23, 2008

Attorneys for Fifth Third Bank, Mortgagee
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Larry Frederick Haight and Ann M. Haight, Husband and Wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated March 4, 2005, and recorded on March 14, 2005 in Liber 674 on Page 188, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as Trustee for Option

PUBLIC NOTICE OF NONMETALLIC MINERAL SAND, GRAVEL, COBBLES, BOULDERS, AND CLAY DIRECT LEASE TO DEPARTMENT of MILITARY and VETERANS AFFAIRS

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes to direct lease state-owned nonmetallic mineral sand and gravel rights. The proposed leases are for existing state sand and gravel pits. They are being converted from mineral permits to direct leases to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, in an effort to improve management and reclamation. The land under consideration for leasing is as follows:

Crawford County

SW1/4 NW1/4, Section 30, T27N, R02W, Grayling Township, 30.92 acres, more or less,

SE1/4 SW1/4, Section 31, T28N, R02W, Lovells Township, 40 acres more or less.

These are for existing pits and the remaining extraction areas may not be for the full-leased acreage. Sand and gravel pits are limited to approximately ten-acre areas for operations as defined by the annual development and reclamation plan. As each area is reclaimed, an additional area may be allowed for operations.

Written comments by interested parties relative to the leasing of any description may be submitted to Mr. Thomas B. Hoane, Geologist, DNR, Forest, Mineral and Fire Management, P.O. Box 30452, Lansing, Michigan 48909-7952, or via e-mail at hoane@mi.dnr.gov. Written comments must be received NO LATER THAN 30 days after the publication date.

One Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-2 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-2 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Two And 62/100 Dollars (\$97,242.62), including interest at 8.65% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The West 1/4 of the East 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of section 25, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, Excepting 33 feet off the South side for road purposes.

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The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 9, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC G 248.593.1310
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #223411F01
-9-16-23-30

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kevin L. Jamison, a married man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 23, 2005, and recorded on September 26, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 643, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Huntington National Bank as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Forty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ten And 56/100 Dollars (\$244,910.56), including interest at 6.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 3: Being part of the North 100.00 feet of Government Lot 1, section 15, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as follows: Commencing at the North 1/4 corner of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 4 West; thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds East along the North line of said Section 24.00 feet for a point of beginning; thence South 05 degrees 32 minutes 00 seconds West along a line

being the extent of the East line of Lot 9 of the recorded plat of Margrethe Manor No. 1 recorded in Liber 2 of plats, Page 49, Crawford County Records, 100.60 feet to the Northeast corner of Lot 9; thence North 89 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds East parallel with the North section line 1298.29 feet to the East line of Government Lot 1; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 09 seconds East along said East line 100.00 feet to the Northeast corner of Government Lot 1; thence South 89 degrees 12 minutes 00 seconds West along the North section line 1288.75 feet to the point of beginning containing 2.969 acres more or less. Together with: A 20 feet wide easement for ingress and egress and installation and maintenance of public utilities over the Southerly 20 feet of Parcel 2 described and delineated herein.

Further Subject to: Restrictions, reservations, agreements and easements if any. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 9, 2008
For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
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-9-16-23-30

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeremiah Benjamin Kohnert a/k/a Jeremiah B. Kohnert, a married man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Plus (Michigan) Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 12, 2006, and recorded on May 16, 2006 in Liber 681 on Page 491, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four And 95/100 Dollars (\$13,984.95), including interest at 7% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case

made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on November 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 64 and 65, Clough's Highland Acres, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats Page 65, Crawford County

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 9, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #223344F01
-9-16-23-30

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CRAWFORD NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate

File No. 08-7433-DE
Estate of James Edward Spearman, Deceased, Date of birth: 05/12/1955
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, James Edward Spearman, who lived at 115586 Old 27, Frederic, Michigan died 05/29/2008. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Tina Dinee, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

10/22/2008
Attorney
James F. Pagels P32242
502 E. Main, P.O. Box 126
Gaylord, MI 49734
(989) 732-7565

Personal representative
Tina Dinee
11586 Old 27
Frederic, MI 49733
(989) 350-3634

General Election Notice For Crawford County Residents

To All Qualified Electors Of Crawford County:
The General Election Will Be Held Tuesday, November 4, 2008 For The Purpose of Electing Candidates And Voting On Statewide & County Proposals For The Following:

- President & Vice President of the United States
- United States Senator
- United States Representative in Congress - 1st District
- Representative in State Legislature - 106th District
- Members of The State Board of Education
- Members of The University of Michigan Board of Regents
- Members of the Michigan State University Board of Trustees
- Members of Wayne State University Board of Governors
- County Prosecuting Attorney
- County Sheriff
- County Clerk / Register of Deeds
- County Treasurer
- County Road Commissioner
- County Commissioner - Districts 1-7
- Township Supervisor
- Township Clerk
- Township Treasurer
- Township Trustees
- Township Constable
- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Judge of the Court of Appeals - 4th District
- Judge of the Circuit Court - 46th Circuit
- Judge of the District Court - 17th District

Proposal 08-1
A legislative initiative to permit the use and cultivation of marijuana for specified medical conditions.

Proposal 08-2
A proposal to amend the State Constitution to address human embryo and human embryonic stem cell research in Michigan.

County Proposal - Road Repair Millage Proposal (1 mill for 5 years)

The following polling places will be open at 7:00 A.M. and will remain open until 8:00 P.M. On Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

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| 101 | Beaver Creek Twp. Office, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling, MI 49738 |
| 201 | Frederic Twp. 7565 West Co. Rd. 612, Frederic, MI 49733 |
| 302 | Grayling Twp. Office, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738 |
| 304 | Grayling Twp. Office, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49739 |
| 305 | Grayling Twp. Office, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738 |
| 306 | Grayling Twp. Office, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738 |
| 307 | Grayling Twp. Office, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738 |
| 401 | Lovells Twp. Office, 8405 Twin Bridge Rd., Frederic, MI 49733 |
| 501 | Maple Forest Twp. Office, 8802 N. Peterson Rd., Frederic, MI 49733 |
| 601 | South Branch Twp. Office, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653 |
| 701 | Grayling City Office, 1020 City Blvd., Grayling, MI 49738 |

SANDRA MOORE, COUNTY CLERK

LEGAL ACTION

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage

made by Jeffrey S Holka aka Jeff Holka, Sr., an Unmarried Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 20, 2006, and recorded on January 29, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 62, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Three And 66/100 Dollars (\$124,603.66), including interest at 8.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on December 3, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 598 Indian Glens of the AU Sable No. 6, Township of South Branch Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1-14, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 30, 2008
For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Servicer
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #186646F03

-30-6-13-20

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage

made by Crystal Young, a single woman, as her sole and separate property, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 7, 2006, and recorded on September 19, 2006 in Liber 683 on Page 235, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Nine And 68/100 Dollars (\$79,379.68), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on

November 19, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 16, 2008
For more information, please call:
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Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #156005F04

-16-23-30-6

ATTENTION GRAYLING TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The Grayling Township Board of Trustees needs you to understand the dispute with the City of Grayling over the administration of the City/Twp. Fire Department. At this time, the board has made no decision as to dropping or going forward with this lawsuit, but we will be making that decision very soon. We need your input.

Below is the actual lawsuit we have filed stating very clearly our desire and intention to negotiate a compromise, equitable to both municipalities, prior to partition of the fire department.

Please read this lawsuit carefully.....then let us know what you think. Send your written and signed comments to: Township Board; Grayling Township; PO Box 521; Grayling, MI 49738.

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CRAWFORD

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP,
a municipal corporation,

Plaintiff

vs

THE CITY OF GRAYLING,
a municipal corporation

Defendant

COMPLAINT FOR PARTITION

NOW COMES Plaintiff, Grayling Township, by and through counsel, CAREY & JASKOWSKI, P.L.L.C., by Richard J. Jaskowski, and as its complaint states as follows:

1. Commencing in 1941, Plaintiff, Grayling Township, and Defendant, the City of Grayling, enjoyed a contractual relationship wherein both parties, pursuant to a Mutual Fire Protection Agreement, jointly contributed funds, and operated a Fire Department for the benefit of the citizenry of both the Township of Grayling, and the City of Grayling.

2. For both economical and administrative reasons, Plaintiff, Grayling Township, and Defendant, the City of Grayling, previously recognized both the administrative and economic benefits of the Mutual Fire Protection Agreement between the two parties. Nearly all of the Mutual Fire Protection Agreements of the two parties, including those over the last several years, contained language that stated in pertinent part:

"Whereas, it being in the best interests of both the City and the Township to enter into an agreement to continue to provide mutual fire protection under one department in order to meet the growing needs of the two municipalities and to provide for the expansion, improvement, addition, maintenance and operation of such a joint enterprise and the necessary funding to carry out the same;"

3. In addition to recognizing the benefits of a joint Fire Department, prior to Fiscal Year 2007-2008, the parties had always agreed that the day-to-day administration of the joint Fire Department would be vested in the Grayling City/Township Fire Department Chief "who shall be hired by the governing boards, under the general direction of a committee consisting of the Grayling City Manager, one voting member of the Grayling City Council to be appointed by the Grayling City Council, the Grayling Township Supervisor, and one other voting member of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees." The aforementioned committee which provided general direction to the Fire Chief, was known as the "Grayling City/Township Fire Committee."

4. From 1941 through June 2007, Plaintiff, Grayling Township, and Defendant, the City of Grayling, signed and entered into Mutual Fire Protection Agreements, all of which noted in writing the benefits of a joint Fire Department, and further, specifically stated that the Fire Department would be administered by the Grayling City/Township Fire Department Chief, under the general direction of the Fire Committee.

5. Pursuant to the aforementioned Mutual Fire Protection Agreements between the years 1941 through 2007, Plaintiff, Grayling Township, and Defendant, the City of Grayling, jointly contributed financial resources to the Fire Department, in percentages as mutually agreed upon between the parties.

6. Commencing in the Summer of 2007, notwithstanding the mutual agreement between the parties for the previous 66 years, the City of Grayling refused to sign a Mutual Fire Protection Agreement for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, which was consistent in its content to the previous Fire Protection Agreements signed by the parties. Specifically, Defendant, the City of Grayling, objected to the continued administration of the Fire Department by a Fire Chief, under the general direction of the Joint Fire Committee.

7. In lieu of the ongoing historical agreements of the parties to administer the Fire Department through a Fire Chief, under the general direction of a Joint Fire Committee, Defendant, the City of Grayling, for the first time, in the Summer of 2007, insisted that all future agreements for the joint administration of the Fire Department should still require that Grayling Township contribute more than 50% of the funds to operate the Fire Department, but that the Fire Department would be under the exclusive control and administration of the City of Grayling, rather than the Joint Fire Committee previously established between the two entities.

8. The following is a chronology of the efforts of Plaintiff, Grayling Township, to resolve this matter:

A. On June 21, 2007, representatives of Plaintiff, Grayling Township, and Defendant, the City of Grayling, met and negotiated a tentative Mutual Fire Protection Agreement for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Subsequent to the aforementioned meeting, Defendant, the City of Grayling, forwarded a proposed Mutual Fire Protection Agreement which had been endorsed by representatives of the City of Grayling. Unfortunately, the proposed Fire Protection Agreement submitted by Defendant, the City of Grayling, was not consistent with the negotiations and tentative agreement reached between the parties on June 21, 2007.

B. The proposal submitted by Defendant, the City of Grayling, for the first time proposed that, in lieu of administration of the Fire Department by a Fire Chief under the direction of the Joint Fire Committee, that the Fire Department would be administered solely by the City Manager. Defendant, the City of Grayling, further proposed that the involvement of the Joint Fire Committee would be reduced to a committee which simply provided guidance to the Fire Department, and developed an annual budget recommendation, but would not be involved in financial administration of the Fire Department, nor in the management, or providing of general direction to the Fire Chief.

C. In response to the proposal of Defendant, the City of Grayling, which was inconsistent with the tentative agreement of the parties, reached at the June 21, 2007 meeting, Plaintiff, Grayling Township, through its Supervisor, Terry Wright, directed correspondence to City Manager, David Thayer, dated June 28, 2007.

D. The aforementioned correspondence expressed concern regarding the fact that the proposal submitted by Defendant, the City of Grayling, was inconsistent with the tentative agreement of the parties, reached at the June 21, 2007 meeting. Further, the correspondence expressed concern that, notwithstanding the historical mutual relationship between the parties for a period of 66 years, Defendant, the City of Grayling, was now proposing that, while Grayling Township would contribute a majority of the funds toward operation of the joint Fire Department, the Fire Department would be exclusively managed by Defendant, the City of Grayling.

E. After not receiving a response to its June 28, 2007 correspondence, on July 20, 2007, Plaintiff, Grayling Township, submitted correspondence to Defendant, the City of Grayling, indicating that it would continue to pay 50% of the joint expenses of the mutual Fire Department, and escrow an additional 10% of expenses (for a total of 60%), with the hope that the parties would reach an agreement concerning mutual administration of the Fire Department in the near future. The rationale for the above was that it was undisputed that Plaintiff, Grayling Township, and Defendant, the City of Grayling, were 50% owners of all assets, real and personal of the mutual Fire Department, and while Plaintiff, Grayling Township, hoped that the joint administration of the Fire Department would continue into the future, neither a joint fire protection agreement had been signed by the parties for the present fiscal year, nor had sufficient financial data been provided to Grayling Township, within which it could evaluate what its reasonable proportion of expenses should be for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

F. On August 3, 2007, Defendant, the City of Grayling, submitted correspondence to Grayling Township, refusing to modify its demand that, notwithstanding the 60% contribution of Grayling Township to the operating expenses of the joint Fire Department, the Fire Department, for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, would be exclusively administered by the City of Grayling.

G. On October 23, 2007, Grayling Township Supervisor, Terry Wright, submitted correspondence to City Manager, David Thayer, and City Counsel Members, suggesting that it was in the best interest of the parties, and the Fire Department, that the issue concerning administration of the Fire Department be resolved, and suggested the utilization of Dr. Lyn Harvey, a retired professor at Michigan State University, whom had consulted for hundreds of municipalities throughout the state, and was willing to serve as a mediator between the two parties, to attempt to reach a resolution.

H. Notwithstanding the proposal of Grayling Township, on November 5, 2007, Defendant, the City of Grayling, refused Grayling Township's suggestion to utilize the services of a mediator, in an attempt to reach an agreement.

I. In an effort to further resolve the above issue, a meeting was held on December 13, 2007, between Grayling Township Supervisor, Terry Wright, Grayling Township's legal counsel, City Manager, David Thayer, and the City of Grayling's legal counsel.

J. During the aforementioned meeting, Grayling Township proposed continued administration of the Fire Department by a Fire Chief, under the general direction of a Joint Fire Committee. Grayling Township continued to assert the position that if both entities are contributing substantial resources to the operation of a joint Fire Department, both entities should be involved in the administration of the Fire Department, to ensure that the logistical and financial operations of the joint Fire Department are being performed in the most beneficial manner to the citizenry of both Grayling Township and the City of Grayling.

Notwithstanding the aforementioned request, Defendant, the City of Grayling, insisted that it would only enter into a Mutual Fire Protection Agreement for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008, on the condition that it had exclusive control over the mutual Fire Department, notwithstanding the City of Grayling's further demand that Grayling Township contribute more than 50% of the operating expenses of the joint Fire Department.

K. In January 2008, prior to the filing of the instant lawsuit, Plaintiff, Grayling Township, received some limited financial data, which indicated that its reasonable proportionate share for expenses of the joint Fire Department for the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 would be in the proximity of 60%. Pursuant to the above, all funds held in escrow were transferred to the Fire Department, and Plaintiff, Grayling Township, continues to contribute 60% of the expenses of the Fire Department.

9. While Plaintiff, Grayling Township, desires to continue the operation of a joint Fire Department between Grayling Township and the City of Grayling, Plaintiff, Grayling Township, is unwilling to contribute more than 50% of the expenses to a purported joint Fire Department, if Plaintiff, Grayling Township, is not provided an opportunity to jointly participate in the administration of the Fire Department. The underlying rationale for the above is that Grayling Township maintains that it has a fiduciary duty to its citizenry to ensure that the financial contribution made by Grayling Township to the joint Fire Department (which is more than 50% of the Fire Department's operating expenses), is utilized in the most efficient manner for the logistical and financial operation of the joint Fire Department.

10. As a result of the refusal of Defendant, the City of Grayling, to allow joint administration of the joint Fire Department between the two entities, the City of Grayling has left Plaintiff, Grayling Township, no alternative other than to seek partition of the real and personal property assets of the parties, incidental to the Fire Department.

RELIEF REQUESTED

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Grayling Township, requests that this Honorable Court award unto to it, the following relief:

A. In the event that Defendant, the City of Grayling, remains unwilling to jointly administer the joint Fire Department, previously established between the two entities, order a partition of all real and personal property of the parties, incidental to the Fire Department, pursuant to the provisions of MCR 3.401 et seq.

B. Enter an order that, while this matter remains pending, the operations and financial resources of the joint Fire Department will be jointly administered through the two (2) parties or, in the alternative, a partition commissioner, and/or receiver, be appointed for the direct administration, pending these proceedings.

C. Entry of an order awarding unto to Plaintiff, Grayling Township, any other relief deemed just and equitable by the Court.

Monica Ashton
Grayling Township Clerk

FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
October 31, 1985

Michael Palmer became the first northern Michigan person ever to receive the Red Cross Certificate of Merit - the highest honor awarded by the American Red Cross. Only 9,000 of the awards have been awarded since 1928. Palmer received the award for saving Ricky Youngs from choking using Red Cross First Aid.

Sheriff's deputies and the city police found the four 16 year-olds who got lost while hunting in the swampy area west of town. The youths went hunting about 2:30 p.m. and their parents called the police around 7:50 p.m. Police officers were able to make voice contact with them and help lead them to safety. The youths had already built a makeshift shelter and a fire.

Cris McLaughlin and Kevin Reynolds have been designated Commended Students by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation in the 1986 Merit Program. These seniors demonstrated outstanding academic promise by placing in the top five percent of over one million participants, in the 31st annual National Merit Program, by taking the PSAT/NMSQT in October of 1984, when they were juniors.

The Grayling girls basketball team bounced Boyne City 54-45 Tuesday and kept pace with

league leading Cheboygan until someone played an early Halloween prank on the Vikings and they lost 58-36. Grayling, last year's champs, and Cheboygan, 9-1 in the conference, were entertaining fans in a close, well-played ball game on Thursday in the Grayling High School gym. The score starting the second half was 31-25 when trick or treat time came early. Cheboygan took all the treats, maintaining an even scoring pace while the basket played tricks on Grayling.

One year after Crawford County's biggest drug bust, the county prosecuting attorney is satisfied with convictions resulting from those early morning arrests. In pre-dawn raids on Oct. 30, 1984, the Crawford County Sheriff's Department arrested 28 persons connected with marijuana, hashish, LSD and cocaine selling. The arrests have resulted in sentences for the 28 persons adding up to 14 to 46 years of prison and jail terms, \$15,309 in fines, 41 years of probation and 1,600 hours of community service.

46 Years Ago
November 1, 1962

Martin's Pure Oil Service and the North End Grocery store are now under new management. Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Jacobs are operating the businesses. The former

owner, Mrs. Frank Weinert, is leaving this week for Grand Ledge.

Sheriff Arthur F. Clough and Chief Deputy William Golnick recovered two stolen cars this past month and arrested five minors in connection with two of the thefts.

A model of a 14 by 20 foot pine hunting cabin, to be given away in early December by Mort Neff on his Michigan Outdoors television show, is located in Crawford County. The cabin is being donated by the Land O' Pines Development Corporation of Royal Oak. The corporation is a member of the Crawford County Chamber of Commerce. The winner of the cabin will have the model duplicated on his own land anywhere in Michigan. The model of the prize cabin is located in Grayling on Staley Lake Road.

The Grayling High School Vikings football team is still seeking their first victory of the 1962 season, as they travel to Gaylord on Friday to meet the Blue Devils. Last Friday night here in the final home appearance for the Vikings, it was the same old story. Grayling played a very credible first half, but in the final two quarters, the lack of sufficient man power was evident as the Charlevoix Rayders ran up 20 points. This Friday at Gaylord, these eight Grayling seniors will see their final grid iron action. Playing their last game as Vikings are Chris Kroll, Tom Wright, Tom Duncan, Norm Bancroft, Harvey

Merithew, Richard Trudeau, Larry Millikin and Louis Gingerich.

69 Years Ago
November 2, 1939

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Loper are building themselves a home on the corner of Smith and Elm street. It is built of logs they gathered themselves. The size of the house will be 18 by 20, it will be divided into three rooms and they plan to add to it later.

The Grayling Liquor store is being moved from the building owned by Mrs. Thomas Cassidy to the building formerly occupied by the Sorenson Bros. furniture store.

Truman Ingram left Tuesday to do some work for the Kerry and Hanson Flooring Company at their Big Bay plant.

Miss Yvonne Bradley is the new bookkeeper at Rehkopf's Plumbing Shop.

92 Years Ago
November 2, 1916

Miss Mildred Bunting resigned her position at the local telephone office after being employed there as an operator for over two years.

Frederic School noted that Warren Vallad comes 11 miles to school every day.

A funny thing occurred on our streets Monday night when Dan Ried was parading his billy goat, advertising the big Moose meeting for that night, and a lady was heard to say, "I thought moose were a larger animal than that."

PUZZLES SUDOKU

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Bib	Kepi	Tabard
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Blouse	Mask	Thigh boot
Boxers	Mini	Tights
Bra	Mitt	Togs
Cape	Picture hat	Topper
Clog	Pith helmet	T-shirt
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	Robe	Tweeds
	Sari	Two-piece

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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Graveyard Pizza

Ingredients:

16 orange and chocolate sandwich cookies, divided
1 pkg. (19.5 oz.) brownie mix
1-1/4 cups miniature marshmallows

White decorating icing

Assorted Halloween candies (worm-shaped
chewy fruit snacks or bugs)

Directions: Preheat oven to 350°F. Chop eight of the cookies; set aside. Prepare brownie mix as directed on package; spread batter into greased 14-inch pizza pan. Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until done. Sprinkle marshmallows over top of hot brownie; bake an additional 3 to 5 minutes or until marshmallows are lightly browned. Immediately sprinkle chopped cookies over marshmallows. Cool on wire rack. Decorate remaining eight cookies with white decorating icing to resemble tombstones. Stand "tombstones" around pizza, pressing gently into brownie. Decorate with assorted candies.

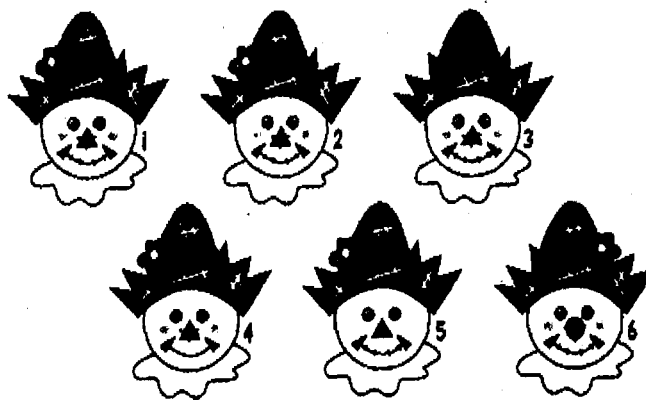
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Makes 16 Servings. 1 Slice Each



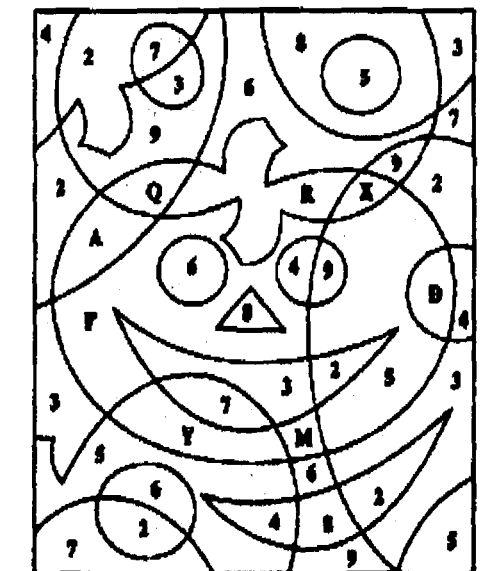
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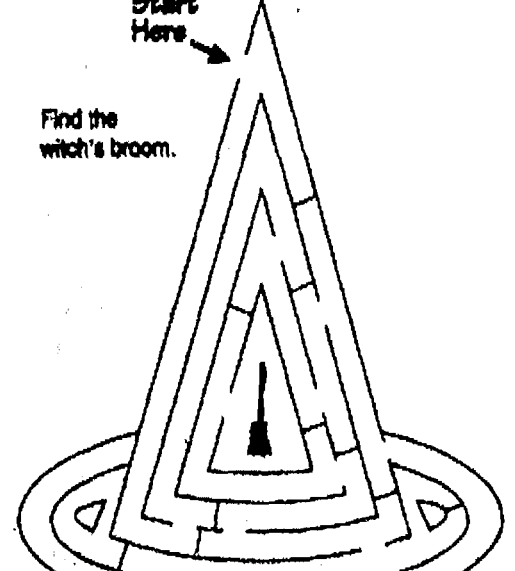
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Start Here

Find the witch's broom.

HOROSCOPES

For the week of October 30, 2008



Excellent, Capricorn. A young whippersnapper makes the workweek go by quickly. Prepare for a weekend loaded with more fun than you've had in some time.



Uh-oh, Aquarius. The backlash from a recent mistake at work begins and you must rely on your inner strength and quick wit to maneuver through the situation.



Standards at home must be raised higher in order to accomplish a lofty goal, Pisces. Grace under pressure does not elude you in a crisis situation.



Funds begin to pour in from a recent financial endeavor and you give to a worthy cause. Keep in mind that time is just as valuable and consider volunteering.



Psst, Taurus. Acts of kindness will go a long way toward ingratiating yourself with an acquaintance. The fight to regain control of the clutter at home is on.



Oh boy, Gemini. An auto dilemma does not prove to be an easy fix. You may have to dig deep in your pockets. A little windfall over the weekend will help ease the pain.



C'mon, Cancer. A decision must be made at home soon and it must be unanimous. You may need to hit the bargaining table a couple of times for that to happen.



Uh-huh, Leo. Failings at work are not all your fault. Others had their hands in it and you do not need to take the fall. Pleasantries at home make for a soothing weekend.



Fantastic, Virgo. The pursuit of happiness no longer goes unfulfilled. A major break in a case opens up a whole world of possibilities. Tread through them carefully.



Miracles abound, Libra, and you begin to wonder if you are in different world. You aren't. You're just on cloud nine. Enjoy the moment while it lasts.



Oh, Scorpio. The opportunity to get out of your shell is here. Go for it and live a little. Frequent requests of an old friend get old. It's ok to say no.



Congratulations, Sagittarius. A presentation is well received and you are rewarded for your hard work. The quest for improving your finances starts off rocky.

ADOPT A PET

WE'RE OVERLOADED!- The animal shelter is currently very full of animals in need of loving homes, just like yours. Help these very adoptable pets find homes, adopt today!



SUGAR

Sugar is a happy, playful and affectionate Collie/Husky mix. She likes other dogs and adores people. All she needs now is a loving new home.

Visit us at: www.ausablevalleyanimalshelter.org

Ausable Valley Animal Shelter is located at:

5786 Fairground Lane, Grayling

Use the entrance to the Crawford County Fairgrounds

Hours: Open 10 to 3 pm Monday through Saturday, 10 to 12 pm on Sundays and Holidays

After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

For more pets or more information, visit our web site www.ascc.petfinder.com

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week					Extended Forecast						
Date	H	L	Rain	Inches	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	
10/21	49	32	0.21								
10/22	45	20	0								
10/23	47	18	0		High 56	High 50	High 43	High 48	High 52	High 50	
10/24	52	23	0		Low 40	Low 25	Low 24	Low 30	Low 34	Low 34	
10/25	47	30	0.95								
10/26	49	43	0.06		Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers	Cloudy	Showers	
10/27	51	36	0.67								

ADVERTISING CLASSIFIED

Classifieds must be paid for in advance
Display Advertising Rate - \$8.00 per column inch
Deadline for Display Classifieds - 12 noon, Monday
Classifieds by the word rate - \$6.00 for 15 words or less, 10¢ per each additional word; includes Internet listing:
www.crawfordcountyavalanche.com
Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate


CHECK OUT forsalebyowner.com, listing 21561904, for a super deal on a Grayling AuSable river home, or call 989-348-2083. (10/30/08t/f/1)

2-3 BEDROOM 2 bath, year round ranch in peaceful setting, on maintained road, near lakes and snowmobiling. 2482 sandy Trail, south off M-72, 7.3 miles east of Grayling, price reduced. (586) 446-0004, (586) 713-7500. (6/22/06t/f/1)

NEWLY CONSTRUCTED 3 bedroom, 2 full baths, 1560 sq. ft. home with attached garage. Public and private access to mainstream river. Six miles east. \$140,000. 348-4840. (-16-23-30-6/1)

MOBILE HOME 2-3 bedroom for sale, owner finance on lot, 989-348-5278 or 586-405-0030. (3/20/08t/f/1)

FOR SALE BY OWNER Frederic. Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. FHA, no money down available. \$89,000. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008t/f/1)



Great opportunity to own your own business in a central hub of hunting, fishing, and snowmobiling. 55 seat restaurant with all fixtures and equipment and living quarters too. Very nice 6 unit motel on property with all beds, linens and supplies. Well kept and neat and clean. 24 x 24 garage, office listing #8951 \$229,900

Call **Pete Kocenas**
Century 21
 RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE
 989-344-1800
 Grayling

1. Real Estate

SPACIOUS 2 BEDROOM RANCH Backs state land and trails. Garage, large shed, fence, sprinklers and decks. Land contract possible. \$58,500. Brian 989-387-0738. (LR11/6/08/1)

3 BEDROOM 1 1/2 baths, 713 Michigan Avenue, corner of Michigan and Elm Street. 348-2741. (10/30/08t/f/1)

LOW INCOME Government issued loans available now! Low mortgage rates, take advantage of the housing market now! Call Scott Hanson at Century 21 River Country, 989-348-5474, to see if you qualify. (-30-6-13-20/1)

4 WOODED ACRES on paved county maintained road, between Grayling and Kalkaska. Three miles off M-72. \$15,000. 810-231-7726. (-30-6-13/1)

2. For Rent

FULLY FURNISHED 800 sq. ft. home near Lake Margrethe, daily, weekly, monthly, spotless clean, temporary workers, vacation. Call 989-348-8627. (-30-6-13-20/2)

Cobble Creek II Apartments

offered in Crawford County by Gardner Management
 Newly renovated inside and out.
 One and Two Bedroom Units Available
 Heat, Water/Sewer, Landscaping, Snow Plowing and Trash Removal included with Rent

- Barrier Free Units Available
 - Laundry Facilities
 - Rent Based on Income
- NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**
 231-624-1564
 TDD 1-800-760-1997
 or pick up application at property
 140 Knight St., Grayling

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

MOBILE HOMES 4 RENT 2 and 3 bedroom, \$425 and up. Also, trailers for sale. 348-5278. (9/28/06t/f/2)

SENIOR APARTMENTS AVAILABLE at The Brook Retirement Communities. Offering Independent and Assisted Living. Lots of amenities, activities, beautiful surroundings and affordable living. Communities located in: Houghton Lake (989) 422-7200 Roscommon (989) 275-4000, West Branch (989) 343-1400, Gladwin (989) 426-8700. Call or stop by today for a personalized tour. (5/10/2007t/f/2)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING FOR RENT Lots of parking, stand alone structure and good location. 989-348-8471. (-30-6-13-20/2)

HOME FOR RENT 2 bedroom, washer, dryer, dishwasher, stove, refrigerator, attached garage with lots of storage. Low utility use. 989-348-8471. (-30-6-13-20/2)

MOBILE HOMES and cabins at Lost Acres. Cabins from \$250 - \$375 with free utilities. 2 bedroom mobile homes, \$375 plus utilities. No pets at all. 11004 - 11010 N. Old US 27. 877-227-6976, www.qualityhomerentals.net. Northern Michigan Units. (10/23/08t/f/2)

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE

Newly remodeled 800 sq. ft. natural gas heat, central air, nice environment, kitchen and bath, high traffic exposure, blacktop parking lot. \$650.00 a month. Contact Charlene Scheer or Craig Hinkle at RE/MAX of Grayling (989) 348-7440

1. Real Estate

2. For Rent

MOBILE HOME FOR RENT 3 bedroom, 2 bath, double wide mobile home. \$750 per month, utilities included. In the country, seven miles S.E. of Grayling on Wilderness Trail between 4 Mile Rd. and M-72 E. 989-348-6994 or 989-370-3219. (-23-30/2)

SMALL FURNISHED 2 bedroom 1 bath cottage with garage, 12 minutes south of Grayling, \$500 a month, first and last month rent. Credit report obtained. 989-939-8965. (-30-6/2)

LOG HOME Beautiful, large, secluded, on East Branch surrounded by Hartwick Pines, \$700 month. 989-821-8008. (-23-30-6-13/2)

FOR RENT 1 bedroom house. \$500 a month plus utilities, \$400 security deposit required. 101 D State Street. Call 348-4464. (-23-30/2)

ENJOY PEACE AND QUIET in this AuSable River home. \$375 a month, includes all utilities and DSL hook-up for your computer. 348-2083. (10/30/08t/f/2)

HOME FOR RENT 4 to 6 bedroom, 2 bath executive retreat with outbuildings in Lovells. \$1,200 per month plus utilities. Call 989-732-2600. (7/10/08t/f/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom duplex located at 1029 Heather Lane, Grayling. \$550 plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwoods Rentals 989-344-8787. (-30/2)

FOR RENT Option to buy, land contract, Manistee River, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, garage, fireplace and appliances. Immediate occupancy. Located on Pine Bend near Horse camp. \$595. Call Craig Hinkle at 348-7440. (7/31/08t/f/2)

FOR RENT Older 4 bedroom home in Grayling, \$600 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwoods Rentals 989-344-8787. (-30/2)

FOR RENT Frederic. Check out this 4 bedroom, 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful condition, large lot, borders state land, large pole barn. \$750 per month, \$750 security deposit required. Call 989-705-8600. (7/31/2008t/f/2)

2 BEDROOM 1 bath, washer and dryer hook up, nonsmoking. \$450 per month. 390-2908 or 348-9116. (10/16/08t/f/2)

2. For Rent

FOR RENT 2 bedroom mobile home with stove and refrigerator. Natural gas heat and electricity not included. \$375 per month with \$200 deposit. Call 348-4131. No pets. (-30-6/2)

BEAUTIFUL Clean, fully furnished, 3 bedroom home just steps away from Higgins Lake. Available month to month, no pets and no smokers. Call 231-218-8529. (-16-23-30/2)

KITCHENETTE UNITS FOR RENT by the week or month. 989-348-8471. (-30-6-13-20/2)

ARBOR COURT in Grayling is accepting applications for 2 bedroom apartments. Rent is based on 30% of the adjusted gross income. Office hours Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., 989-732-6237. Barrier free units available. TDD 800-649-3777. Equal Housing Opportunity. (LR10/30/08/2)

BEAUTIFUL FULLY FURNISHED Luxury apartment in downtown Grayling on the AuSable River. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms. Open living room design. \$900 a month plus utilities. Includes all lawn maintenance and snowplowing. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08t/f/2)

NEWLY REMODELED Fully furnished 2 1/2 bedroom home on west side of Houghton Lake. \$600 a month plus utilities. Perfect for temporary workers. 989-370-1290. (10/2/08t/f/2)

BEAUTIFUL PRIVATE RIVERFRONT PROPERTY 2 bedroom, 2 bath, double mobile home. \$500 per month. 425-314-6090. (-2-9-16-23-30/2)

1 & 2 BEDROOM RENTALS \$450 to \$550, plus security, some utilities. 348-5230. (-9-16-23-30/2)

SWEET, COZY 2 bedroom, mostly furnished lake house rental available immediately to rent. Complete with washer and dryer. Security deposit required. For more information, call 989-348-3995. All calls will be returned. (-23-30/2)

VERY CLEAN Nice 2 bedroom house in Beaver Creek, between Grayling and Roscommon. Appliances plus washer and dryer furnished. Home is well insulated with 1 1/2 car garage. Will consider pet. Security deposit plus references. \$625. 989-329-4826. (-23-30/2)

2. For Rent

LARGE 3 BEDROOM HOME between Grayling and Roscommon. 2 1/2 car garage, 2 1/2 baths, family room with gas fireplace, large deck, laundry room and private nice yard. All appliances included. Security deposit and references required. \$850. 989-329-4826. (-23-30/2)

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT nonsmoking, no pets. \$475 a month plus gas. 348-4840. (-23-30-6/2)

VIKING VILLAGE APARTMENTS are now taking applications for upcoming availability. Very nice two bedroom, two bath apartments approximately one mile west of Grayling off M-72. Units in this quiet community include central air conditioning, attached garage, paved lighted streets and driveways, stove, refrigerator, dishwasher, washer and dryer. Lawn care, snow removal and garbage pickup included in annual lease. Contact Herb Olsen, at 989-348-9456, for more information. (10/30/08t/f/2)

2 BEDROOM 1 bath house in town. Hardwood floors, new carpet, nice basement for washer and dryer, garage and big fenced back yard. Cute and cozy, \$600 per month with deposit and references. 344-3624 or 390-4635. (-30/2)

FOR RENT 3 bedroom home in city. Garage, fenced in yard, close to schools and downtown. \$600 per month plus security deposit. Call 231-301-2971 or 348-8701. (-30/2)

FOR RENT 2 bedroom apartment located at 911 Elm Street, Grayling. \$475 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call Northwood Rentals 989-344-8787. (-30/2)

3. Employment

FIREFIGHTERS WANTED Beaver Creek Fire Department has two positions open for paid, on call firefighters. All necessary training will be provided. Contact BCFD at 989-275-8548 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, for application. Beaver Creek Fire Department is an equal opportunity employer. (-16-30/3)

BAIL BONDS PERSON Part-time, must be bondable. Call 989-588-0900. (-30/3)

PUZZLE ANSWERS

SUDOKU

Puzzle 16 (Easy, difficulty rating 0.28)

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LAKE ACCESS TO GUTHRIE LAKE 2,080 s.f. home with four bedrooms and two full baths. Large living room and family, three doorways, vaulted ceilings, and two free standing gas heaters. Attached two-car garage, paved driveway, extensive decking and landscaping. Guthrie Lake amenities include: club house, pool, sauna, beach and lake access, boat and bike rentals. Some furnishings included. CH-2784 \$99,900



THIS 216 ACRE ADVENTURE IS SITUATED AMONGST OAK AND MAPLE HARDWOODS WITH 1,510 FEET ELEVATION. 4,500 s.f., club house with full equipped kitchen, two story fireplace, and dining/lounge room with stunning views of the golf course and ski hills. Golf and ski club closed in approx. 2008. Golf Course offers four man made ponds which are lined and fed by irrigation system. Skiing offers tow rope, chair lift, and equipped rental shop. Additional nine surveyed building sites, and approx. 45 acres of undeveloped property. CH-2788 \$1,400,000



10 ACRES ADJOINING STATE LAND TO THE SOUTH 3 Bedroom, 2 bath offers 2063 square feet of quality living space. Features include den, formal dining area, full basement, garden tub in master suite with walk in closet, French doors, large kitchen with snack bar, deck off breakfast nook. Appliances include stove, refrigerator, and microwave, cable T.V. and Satellite Dish. Adjoins state land to the south, snowmobile trails close by. CS-2785 \$99,000




NICE BUILDING SITE WITH BEAUTIFUL TREE COVER Great location. Danish Landing Road. Nice mixtures of Pine and some Hardwoods. Flat terrain and electricity at property. CS-2767 \$18,500

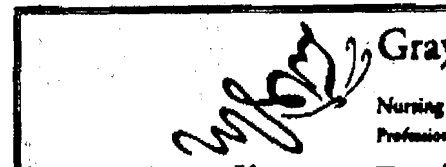


50 FEET OF FRONTAGE ON BEAUTIFUL LAKE MARGRETHE Multi-season retreat! Full log cottage, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, cathedral ceilings with stone fireplace, 3 season sun room, 2 story garage. CS- 2749 \$277,500

Office Hours Mon - Fri 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sun By Appt. Only



Snowplowing Bids are being accepted at Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation Community, 331 Meadows Dr. Grayling. Please come to facility M-F between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to pick up specifications.



MDS Coordinator Position - prefer two years in a clinical setting as an RN. Responsibilities include Assessment of Resident's, and planning for the Care with the Interdisciplinary Team. Must adhere to strict time schedule(s) and be skillful in computer entry. Apply at Grayling Nursing and Rehabilitation, 331 Meadows Drive, Grayling.

HELP WANTED NOTICE

Oscoda County is seeking a Part-Time Ambulance Director. A Business Degree and experience in Emergency Service are preferred. For interested parties please submit a letter of interest and a copy of your resume to:

Oscoda County B.O.C. Office
 Attn: Ambulance Director, P.O. Box 399 Milo, MI 48647.
 Application will be accepted until November 10, 2008.
 (For further information please call 989-826-1130)
 Oscoda County is an Equal Opportunity Employer



MERCY HOME CARE MERCY HOSPICE

Full Time - HOSPICE - Grayling Office

This position is perfect for the RN who is seeking one-on-one patient care, positive team environment, and a flexible schedule. In return for your nursing expertise, we provide competitive wages, generous PTO, and a comprehensive benefit package that includes pension and a 403B.

Join a team where you are recognized and valued for your exceptional patient care. At Mercy Home Care and Hospice we are among the Elite Top 500 Home Care and have been identified as a National Best Practice Agency.

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324 Meadows Drive, Grayling, Michigan 49738
Email: lakeb@trinity-health.org
Direct Phone: 989-344-4402

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MERCY HOME CARE MERCY HOSPICE

Full Time / Contingent - Hospice Medical Social Work

Candidate must be Masters Prepared, with a Degree in Social Work. A minimum one year social work experience in a healthcare setting. Must be licensed to practice Social Work in the State of Michigan. Ability to assess and act upon client needs without direct supervision and willingness to travel in our geographic region. Incredible benefits, competitive pay.

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Full Time - Contingent Home Health Aide - Hospice

Home Health Aide will provide personal care of patient under the supervision of a Registered Nurse and in accordance with a plan of treatment and care. Skills must include interpersonal skills and the ability to work with patients and their families, and the interdisciplinary team. Willingness to travel in our geographic region, and reliable transportation a must. We represent our mission and values in every employee and volunteer, and we want you to join in that tradition.

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PART-TIME PERSON WANTED for cleaning position three nights per week after 6 p.m. Approximately 9-12 hours per week, Grayling area. Please fax resume or letter of interest to 989-379-4545 or send to P.O. Box 236, Alpena, MI 49707. (-30/3)

PAID ON-CALL FIREFIGHTERS WANTED The Grayling Fire Department is currently accepting applications for paid on-call firefighters. All persons who wish to apply may pick up an application at the Grayling Fire Department located at 1041 City Blvd., next to City Hall, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or call 348-6319 if you have any questions. All applicants must be able to pass background check, physical agility test and medical evaluation before being hired. No experience or training is necessary. Applications will be accepted until Friday, November 7, 2008, at 4:30 p.m. (-23-30/3)

CRAWFORD COUNTY MSU EXTENSION Program Associate. Peer counseling for Mother-To-Mother Breastfeeding Initiative in Crawford County. Fifty percent time, granted funded. Mother with previous breastfeeding experience as support person for other mothers in our community. High school diploma, experience with young families, ability to work with adults, nurturing and supportive, good oral and written communication skills. Training provided. Valid driver's license and car. Position housed in the Crawford County MSU Extension Office. Send resume and letter of interest to: Mother-To-Mother Breastfeeding Initiative, Crawford MSU Extension, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738. Deadline for applications is November 7, 2008. A more detailed job description available upon request by calling 989-344-3264. (-30-6/3)

HELP WANTED HINTS When placing a Help Wanted Classified, remember to list the job title and duties involved, whether it is full or part time, the name of company or business, mailing address for resume, or street address for walk-in applications. Crawford County Avalanche, 102 Michigan Avenue, Grayling - (989) 348-6811

RTH HOME IMPROVEMENT all your interior and exterior needs. Garages, additions, drywall, painting, roofing, siding, decks, and more. Licensed and insured, free estimates. Rob Harrington 989-344-1383. (-9/16/04tf/4)

D. HAWES / Driver's Training: Northern Driving School will be offering classes year-round in Grayling and surrounding areas. The only local driving school in Crawford and Roscommon counties. Segment I \$275, Segment II \$40. 989-344-2470. (05/22/08tf/4)

PROFESSIONAL HEMMING jeans, dresses, slacks, etc. Custom bedding, weddings. 989-344-2444. (-2-16-30-4-18/4)

SNOWPLOWING Residential, M-72 West, Grayling area. Call 989-619-9874. (-30-6-13-20/4)

FALL CLEAN UP Big truck and tool, roof and gutter clean, debris hauling, chain saw work and snowplowing. 30+ years experience, Grayling area. Call Jerry at 989-348-7046. (-23-30/4)

RESIDENTIAL SNOWPLOWING Grayling area, Lake Margrethe area. 989-348-9233. (10/23/08tf/4)

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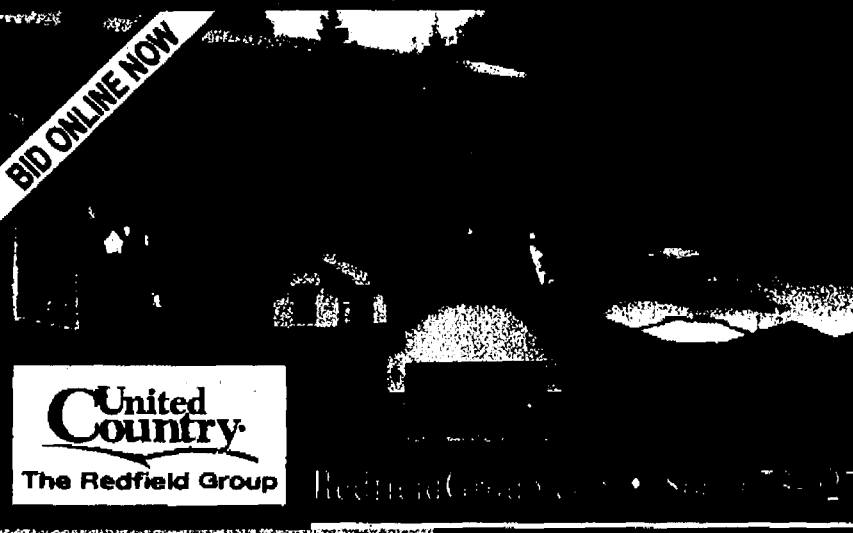
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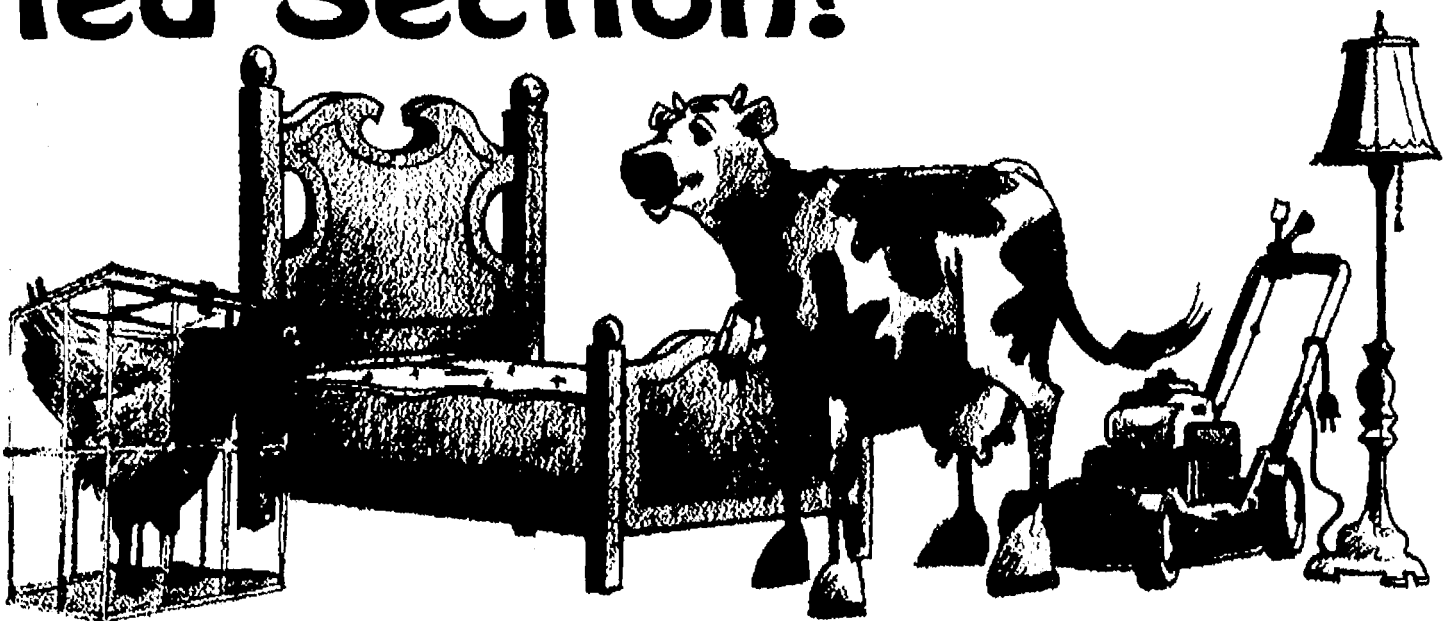
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JV Vikings stop late 2-point conversion, win 20-18

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Bergan for an eight-yard TD. The two-point conversion attempt failed. Grayling led 6-0. Boyne City drove into Grayling territory. On 3rd and 10, the Ramblers scored a TD on a 30-yard pass play, but the touchdown was nullified by a penalty. On 4th and 15, Griffin Dean sacked the Boyne City quarterback to end the series.

On 3rd and 31, following two penalties and a bad snap that resulted in a loss, Grayling fumbled a handoff and Boyne City recovered the ball.

The turnover put the Ramblers at Grayling's 16-yard line. Boyne City picked up 11 yards on 1st and 10. Three running plays brought up 4th and goal at the 3-yard line. Boyne City fumbled on fourth down. The Ramblers recovered the ball at the 1-yard line, which resulted in a turnover on downs.

Grayling completed a 15-play, 99-yard drive with a 16-yard TD pass from Tobin to Steven Enos. The series consumed almost six minutes of clock time, and Grayling scored the TD with only 16 seconds remaining in the first half. The series also included five runs by Bergan, four completions to Enos, and a leaping catch by Riley Zigila that gained 25 yards and set up the touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt failed, and Grayling led 12-0.

On the first series of the second half, Grayling punted on 4th and 4. Boyne City drove 80 yards on 15 plays and capped the possession with a three-yard TD run on 1st and goal. Tyler Brigham deflected Boyne City's pass attempt on the two-point conversion play. Grayling led 12-6.

Collen returned Boyne City's kickoff to the 46-yard line. Grayling lost 12 yards on a QB sack. On 3rd and 22, the Ramblers intercepted a pass attempt by the Vikings.

Boyne City finished a six-play, 39-yard drive with a 14-yard TD on a screen pass. Grayling stopped the two-point conversion attempt. With 1:03 left in the third period, the score was tied at 12-12.

Grayling punted on 4th and 10, and Boyne City took over at its 22-yard line. Ten running plays brought up 1st and 10 at Grayling's 13-yard line. Three plays later, on 4th and 11, Boyne City almost completed a pass, but Zigila jarred the ball loose with a big hit, and the ball fell incomplete. Grayling took over on downs at its 14-yard line with 5:26 left in the game.

On the third play of the series - 3rd and 8 - Tobin threw deep to Brigham for an 84-yard TD. Bergan ran the ball into the end zone for the two-point conversion, and Grayling led 20-12 with 4:37 left in the fourth quarter.

Boyne City started at its 41-yard line after the kickoff. On

2nd and 10, the Ramblers threw deep. A Grayling defender tipped the ball in the secondary, but Boyne City's receiver adjusted and made the catch. The play gained 43 yards. On 3rd and 2, Enos came through the line unblocked for a QB sack. On 4th and 6, Boyne City's pass attempt fell incomplete. Grayling took over on downs at its 11-yard line with 2:17 remaining in the contest.

Grayling ran the ball three times and punted on 4th and 14.

Boyne City, with only 37 seconds left in the game, started 33 yards from the goal line after the punt. On 2nd and 15, the Ramblers completed a pass and the receiver pitched the ball to a teammate, which resulted in a total gain of 29 yards. On the next play, Boyne City completed a TD pass to the corner of the end zone. With 12 seconds left in the game, GHS led 20-18. Grayling stopped Boyne City's rushing play on the two-point conversion attempt to preserve its two-point lead.

Boyne City attempted an on-side kick. Zigila fell on the ball for the Vikings. Grayling kneeled once to kill the final seconds and the Vikings won by a final score of 20-18.

Tobin completed 14 of 25 passes for 189 yards, three TDs, and one interception. Grayling's leading receivers were Brigham (two catches, 92 yards, one TD) and Enos (seven catches, 59 yards, one TD).

On defense, leading tacklers for GHS were: Enos (13), Matt Dunckel (12), Devon Dawson (10), Brigham (10), Dean (9), Zigila (7), and Luke Schneider (6).

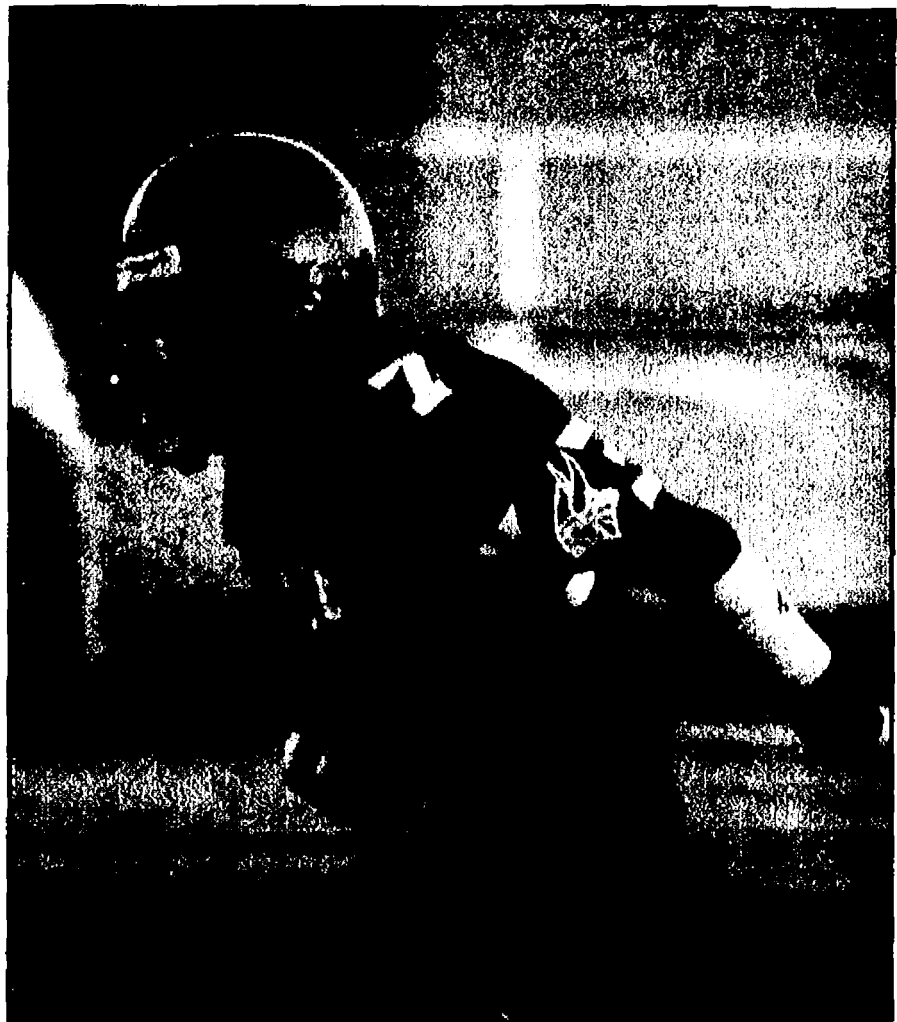
"The defense played huge all night with a couple of goal line stands. Late in the first quarter, Boyne had a 1st and goal from the 4-yard line and we held them. The defense also stopped all two-point conversion attempts by Boyne, which ultimately won the game for us," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

"This is a special group of kids who will be great leaders in our community some day. There is a reason they are champions on the field," Coach Kucharek said.

"This game meant more to the players than just the win. We grew up a lot during the last two weeks as players, as coaches, and as future leaders in the world," Assistant Coach Ron Wyman said.

"We could not have ended the season better," Assistant Coach Ryan Fritz said.

Boyne City and Traverse City St. Francis finished in a tie for the JV Lake Michigan Conference championship. Both teams had 6-1 league records this year. Grayling finished second in the conference with a 5-1-1 record in league play. The Vikings finished their 2008 season with an overall mark of 6-2-1.



Photos by Caleb Casey
 Riley Zigila carries the ball for Grayling on Thursday night.